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To Whom It May Concern:

Vail Fire and Emergency Services (VFES) supports the mission of Starting Hearts. Starting Hearts is a unique non-profit, solely dedicated to providing Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training, improving public access to Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs), and empowering citizens to become "citizen responders" when a person suffers a cardiac arrest.

VFES is proud to have partnered with Starting Hearts for a number of public education events and to ensure that AEDs are readily available throughout the Town of Vail. These efforts have proven to be effective in increasing the opportunity for survival when a cardiac arrest occurs.

Of particular note is Starting Hearts simple and efficient approach to teaching CPR. This approach has made it feasible to provide this life-saving training to a wide cross section of our community, ranging from the very young to the elderly. Another contributing factor to Starting Hearts success is their use of the "Heart Rod" which brings CPR training into the community. Together these strategies have resulted in Eagle County having an unprecedented number of CPR trained citizens.

Vail Fire and Emergency Services is thankful for the service Starting Hearts provides to the citizens and visitors of Eagle County

Sincerely,

Mark Novak  
Fire Chief