

# the joy of flowers

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Mr. Kenneth J. Allen  
1109 Glendale Blvd.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

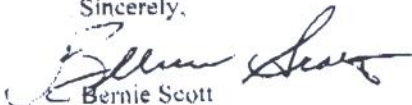
Dear Mr. Allen:

I would like to thank you and your wife for your generous gifts to the children in the surrounding communities. I was taken aback by your generosity and humanitarian efforts to help put a smile on the faces of those less fortunate. I just learned today what agencies were included in your gift.

As I am the Vice-President of the Board of the Stepping Stone Shelter for Women as well as Citizens Concerned for the Homeless (Homeless Shelter,) I was extatic that those agencies were chosen to accept your gifts. I learned, however, that Amy Ormsby did not attend your special luncheon at Strongbow Inn, and that there was nobody from the Homeless Shelter to accept your gift. As there is a Homeless Shelter Board meeting tonight at 5:00, I thought I could share the news of you gift, as well as explain why the gift was not accepted by Amy or a member of our board.

I realize this is extremely short notice, but hope you can share your knowledge of the situation with me. You can reach me at 800-292-2313.

Sincerely,

  
Bernie Scott