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Dear Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge Participant,

It is a tremendous privilege to welcome you to the Inaugural **Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge**. We sincerely thank you for joining us for the first year of what will be an annual and growing event. We hope that you will look back with pride in the role that you have played in welcoming this event to our city, and in the important role you have played in support of people living with cancer.

The inspiration of Kathy Blas, sister to fallen firefighter, Gord Paul, the **Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge** brings together the Calgary Fire Department, the Calgary Firefighters Benevolent Fund, the Calgary Firefighters Association (IAFF Local 255), Encana, H & R Reit, Wellspring Calgary and more, including and most importantly, YOU and all of your fellow brothers and sisters from all over the world. We look forward to sharing in the camaraderie and competition that we know you share and enjoy.

As you take part, please accept our deepest gratitude for your accompanying support of people living with cancer. Wellspring Calgary was created to respond to the needs that emerge following a cancer diagnosis. We have the privilege of providing a wide range of evidence-informed programs, resources, speakers and support to anyone living with any type of cancer and at any point on their cancer journey. We also provide support and programs for caregivers and an exclusive stream of programs for young adults living with cancer. All programs and services are informed by evidence and offered free of charge and without referral in a warm, caring, and welcoming community-based centre nestled in the trees near the Bow River. Wellspring Calgary receives no core government funding and so relies on the generosity of individuals and events like the Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge. Please know what a profound difference you are making for so many.

Please accept our sincere thanks once again. We look forward to welcoming you to the highest elevation stairclimb in the world!

Warmest Regards,

Patti Morris  
Executive Director  
Wellspring Calgary