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Mr. Paul A. Beck
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Dear Mr. Beck,

I would like to thank the Azalea Society of America for its gift of \$1,000 to the Friends of the National Arboretum, in support of the Azalea & Boxwood Intern.

We truly appreciate your continuing support to FONA. The value of your giving to help underwrite internships is especially important, as Arboretum interns play a crucial role for care of the collections through the summer months. With continuing shifts in Arboretum budgets away from discretionary funding to core staff and research support, your gift and the work of FONA grows even more critical each year.

I look forward to the possibility of meeting you at some point. As a Reston resident currently, with children who graduated from Oakton High School, I know that part of Fairfax County better than many people. Perhaps we could get together for coffee.

Again, many thanks for your support. Best wishes to you in this New Year.

Warm regards,

Thomas M. Costello
Executive Director

Cc: Barbara Shea

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