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AT&T WILL PRESENT \$25,000 CHECK TO FEED THE FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION ON JUNE 23

The donation from AT&T will help fund the Barry J. Doyle scholarship for first responder continuing education

What: AT&T will present a donation check of \$25,000 to Feed the Firefighters Foundation— a nonprofit that supports emergency personnel— at a ceremony on Tuesday, June 23. The check will be given to the North Carolina Community Foundation for administration of the Barry J. Doyle scholarship. This scholarship provides financial support to individuals in Wake County who are earning an associate degree as a first responder.

The presentation ceremony and reception will be held at Barry's Cafe (located in the Cary Swift Creek shopping center) on Tuesday, June 23 at 3:00 p.m. Representatives from AT&T North Carolina, the North Carolina Community Foundation, and Feed the Firefighters Foundation will participate in the ceremony. Also participating, and speaking on behalf of the NC firefighters, is North Carolina Insurance Commissioner & State Fire Marshal, Mike. Fire chiefs and local firefighters from the Cary, Raleigh, and Fairview stations will also attend the event.

The reception will honor both the late Barry Doyle—who founded Barry's Cafe and Feed the Firefighters Foundation—and local first responders for their service.

When/Where: **Tuesday, June 23 at 3:00 p.m.**
Barry's Cafe, 2851 Jones Franklin Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606
The cafe, with its distinctive firefighter motif, is the headquarters for Feed the Firefighters.

Why: In February 1994, Barry Doyle provided coffee and biscuits to Swift Creek Department firefighters during an emergency response in a hazardous ice storm. In years following, his generosity became routine; Barry has provided meals to the scenes of Wake County emergencies for more than 23 years.

The March 17, 2017 fire in downtown Raleigh, considered the largest fire in Raleigh's history, was the last time Barry responded to feed firefighters. About a month later, he died from complications associated with neuropathy. The nonprofit Barry began to provide meals for first responders at emergency scenes has now grown into a foundation that encourages the continuation of first responder education.

"We don't often think about all these men and women do for us," said Denise Doyle, Barry's wife. "Barry was big on education. I know he is smiling down on us right now, because he wants to help further the education of these individuals."

Visuals: AT&T Regional Director – External Affairs for North Carolina, Robert Doreauk presenting \$25,000 scholarship check to Feed the Firefighters Foundation; representatives from the North Carolina Community Foundation; NC Insurance Commissioner & State Fire Marshal, Mike Causey to speak on behalf of NC Firefighters; local firefighters and fire chiefs from Cary, Raleigh, and Fairview stations



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About Feed the Firefighters Foundation:

Feed the Firefighters is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit foundation that exists to support firefighters and other emergency personnel that serve the community through heroic service. The foundation supplies food and other nourishment to responders during emergencies of extended duration. It also increases public awareness of the many contributions made by firefighters in the community.

About Barry's Cafe:

For more than 25 years, Barry's Cafe has served loyal patrons in the Raleigh/Cary area. Located in the Swift Creek Shopping Center, Barry's Cafe serves lunch and all-day breakfast. Since 1994, Barry's Cafe has helped to feed firefighters and emergency personnel during local emergencies. You can learn more about their nonprofit foundation, Feed the Firefighters by visiting www.feedthefirefighters.org. For more information on Barry's Cafe, visit www.barryscafe.com.

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