

August 23, 2004

Colonel Christopher A. Knight
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Mr. Knight,

I have heard many people say there are angels among us...well this week I have seen one with my own eyes. His name is Alex Annunziato.

On August 13, 2004 my family went through the worst tragedy of our lives...Hurricane Charley. I cannot even describe to you the devastation our little town went through. We were fortunate, no one was hurt, and we still have a roof over our heads. We were without power till just last night, food and water were hard to come by. My son Rene Guillen finally got in touch with us, and when he heard our situation contacted his friend and fellow patrolman Alex, who had volunteered his time to work in a neighboring county, to get us help.

The first trip Alex made was at 2:30 a.m. He arrived with a patrol car full of water, food, and even candy for the kids. It was like Christmas! It is amazing what you take for granted until you no longer have it. Alex made a second trip this week with more supplies, and even though we now have power, the food and water, etc. are still very much needed.

You see, when Hurricane Charley came to town, I lost my job. The building where I work was destroyed, and the small business I worked for could not keep us employees, and we were all sent to apply for unemployment. The help Alex brought to us will be useful in the long weeks to come until I can get back on my feet.

The Florida Highway Patrol is very lucky to have an officer like Alex. He went above and beyond and his caring attention will be remembered for years to come by my family.

Thank you,

Kathy M. Walker

