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My brother passed away today....

He had called me from the hospice center yesterday in Florida to say goodbye.

Hopefully, he'll meet my sister who left this world many years ago. And my mom and dad...
And my son, Ricky...

As I tell our Jr. Scholars, do as many acts of kindness as you can because all that lasts forever is what you did to be helpful to others while you were here.

That's the message I've been bringing schools here in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts for 22 years now. And it's spreading... Schools throughout the country are now reporting collecting canned goods to help the needy and their youngsters other good deeds, too.

I've been so fortunate to have been able to do what I do for so long. I'll continue as long as I can.

I'm two months into my treatment for prostate cancer. So far, so good... And my doctors and nurses are great...

My 14th annual campaign to fight hunger is drawing to a close. It's grown every year since its inception – raising a total of \$1.2 billion in those years, \$230 million last year alone. That's a lot of hungry people we've helped to feed. I'll have the returns from this year's campaign by my next letter. Also, many schools throughout the country are joining us as Feinstein Leadership Schools by encouraging and reporting to me their students' good deeds.

Caught a scam artist in a sting operation this month...He came to me with a story about a destitute family needing emergency surgery on their son. I gave him some money but when he called the next day asking for more, I became suspicious and called the police. They set up a 'sting operation' and when he arrived for the next handout, he was arrested. Turned out he has been pulling scams like this for years...

Stay well... Love your children... Teach them they are never too young to help others in need.

The good deeds they do for others live forever.

Best wishes,

Alan Shawn Feinstein