

July 20, 2010
5920 Spruce St.
Lincoln, NE 68516

Mr. Niles Ford
Fire Chief
Lincoln Fire & Rescue
1801 Q St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Chief Ford,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Lincoln's five Optimist Clubs to thank you, Captain Ron Case, and all the firefighters, who helped with our "Homer's Heroes" program this summer.

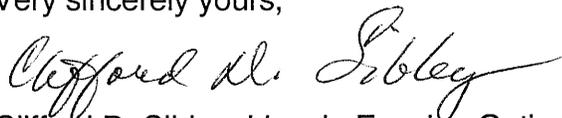
The firefighters brought a ladder truck to Lewis Fields where we played four of our games and also joined in as "buddies" with the children as their schedule allowed. We also played one game at the UNL Women's softball field and were joined by the firefighters and members of the Lincoln Saltdogs for a game and other fun activities.

The help and involvement for the hour or so on each of the five Saturday mornings by the firefighters, was very appreciated and enjoyed by the 107 mentally and physically impaired children, their families, and the Optimists.

I've included several calendars which contain pictures of all the participants in this year's program. You will find some great pictures of Lincoln firefighters on the September, 2010 calendar and the June, 2011 calendar. I hope you will be able to share the calendars with the appropriate firefighters and/or stations.

Again, on behalf of all Lincoln Optimists, we extend our thanks and appreciation to you, Captain Case, and all Lincoln firefighters for your participation and assistance with our "Homer's Heroes" program this year. We look forward to the participation of Lincoln Fire and Rescue again in 2011.

Very sincerely yours,



Clifford D. Sibley, Lincoln Evening Optimist Club

cc: Jeanne Cuda, Homer's Heroes Chairperson