

SUBJECT: Grant Requests

PREPARED BY: Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk

DATE: April 20, 1998

FOR AGENDA OF: April 27, 1998

**SUMMARY:**

In addition to the grant requests outlined in IM No. 98-36, presented at the April 13, 1998, council meeting, the following funding requests have been received:

Skateboard Park Committee	\$53,800
Mr. Kelsey S. Gray	\$25,000
Alaska State Fair	\$15,000 - \$20,000

Sharee Davis and Kasper Keene, Wasilla High School Cheerleaders, have also requested financial support from the city to attend the Down Under Bowl X in Australia. They have not requested a specific dollar amount from the city at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT: X No \_\_\_ Yes, amount requested: \$ Fund:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This IM is presented for informational purposes only.

*Council - Virtually everyday I run across requests for funding residents' and/or non-residents' projects, trips, events, etc. Most of these requests are for legitimate purposes. I usually ask the requestor to present their proposal to the City Council to be considered by you. Occasionally we see the request actually proposed at your meetings. If we were to fund all of these requests... we would be broke.*

*S. Palin*  
Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: Wasilla Skateboard Proposal and Requests from Sharee Davis and Kasper Keene

# WASILLA MULTI-USE SKATE PARK PROPOSAL

## **Our Mission:**

The mission of the Wasilla Skate Park Task Force is to create for our youth a local, recreational facility for safe, multi-use skating sports.

## **Brief Overview:**

In April 1996, a group of citizens became concerned about the youth in the Wasilla community not having a safe place to skate. Youth were being cited by local police for skateboarding in parking lots, on driveways and sidewalks, even in their own school lots! Because of the sport's growing popularity, the need for a skate park quickly became apparent. A volunteer group formed and approached the Wasilla City Council for help. The Department of Museum & Recreation Services contracted a well-known skatepark designer, Ken Wormhoudt, to design a park for Wasilla skaters. This skatepark was included in the master plan for the old airport site (later named Iditapark), and was approved by the City Council and Planning Commission.

## **Goals of the Skate Park Committee:**

- Get the youth that skate off the streets, parking lots and driveways and into a safe area, thus reducing friction between pedestrians, business owners, the Wasilla Police and the youth who want to skate.
- Build a 105' x 150' oval cement skating structure on land provided by the City of Wasilla on the east end of Iditapark.
- Construct this facility from drawings purchased by the City of Wasilla from Ken Wormhoudt, a reputable skatepark designer.
- Include interested youth in the building, fundraising and long term maintenance of this facility (creates pride of ownership and leadership skills).
- Involve the community in the labor, donating of materials, and fundraising activities

Construction drawings were purchased by the city from Mr. Ken Wormhoudt and given to local contractors, engineers and union representatives by the fundraising committee asking for help in building the facility. Letters of intent have been requested of all representing donations to this project and are attached, along with letters of support.

**Pre-construction:**

Engineer to approve plans	\$1,500*	
Soil Testing of area of site	500*	
Surveyor to stake & flag	<u>1,500</u>	
		<b>3,500</b>

**Construction:**

Leveling, grading & excavation, landscaping	\$40,000*	
Testing of subgrades & fill layers by a testing service	1,000*	
Laying & tying of 48,000' of 1/2" rebar	20,000	
Pump trucks @ \$100/hr	13,000	
Labor to pour and form cement	<u>100,000</u>	
		<b>174,000</b>

**Construction Materials:**

48,000 linear feet of 1/2" rebar	\$ 13,000	
Cement, 320 yds of Type I Portland cement, 4,000 psi (6"thick)	29,000	
Rails & surface formation materials	3,000	
Protective, moistening cover for 13,200 sq. ft. during cement curing process	3,500	
Sprinklers with interval timers to mist for 30 days	300	
Temporary fencing of perimeter, rectangle shape, 15' from oval/shared cost	<u>5,000</u>	
		<b><u>53,800</u></b>

**TOTAL**

**\$ 231,300**

**Miscellaneous:**

Maintain landscaping between oval and fence - P&R Dept.  
 Development of trails & parking areas - P&R Dept.  
 Signage - labor & signs donated by Valley  
 Hospital & WHS Woodwork class

\* Indicates donation

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<b>TOTAL PROJECT</b>	<b>\$231,300</b>
<b>Minus \$ raised by group</b>	<b>- <u>39,121</u></b>

<b>Total Needed at 4/3/98</b>	<b>\$192,179</b>
<b>Minus labor donations</b>	<b>- <u>43,000</u></b>

**AMOUNT LEFT TO RAISE      \$149,179**

**Engineer to approve plans:**

Mr. John A. Buzdor, P. E. Has certified the drawings and specifications for the skatepark. He has reviewed some changes with Mr. Zack Wormhoudt and both have signed a letter of agreement to changes on the original construction drawings. Mr. Buzdor has also written that he will donate his time to provide the designated construction testing services. (See attached letter.)

**Soils Testing:**

Hopefully, Public Works can perform this test. Mr Larry Bridge, Public Works, has informed me that he will be doing soils testing of the area as part of the Weber Drive construction project.

**Survey area to stake and flag:**

This is a very important step. The stakes are important to leave in for the rebar placement and positioning of the outside curbs, as well as position the oval on the airport site. Mrs. Good has talked with New Horizons Telecom, Inc. and they are very eager to be involved in this project.

**Excavation:**

Gerald Andrews, Director of Local #302, has volunteered to handle the excavating in conjunction with the Operating Engineers #302 using as a training exercise. (See attached letter of intent)

**Testing service to inspect and approve subgrades and fill layers:**

Mr. Wormhoudt's instructions specifically ask for "a testing service to inspect and approve subgrades and fill layers before further construction work is performed." This is to monitor the compaction of the soil around and under the facility. Mr. Buzdor, P. E. has agreed to do this.

**Fencing of perimeter:**

*Temporary fencing* is needed to protect the concrete as it cures for 30 days as well as keep vandals out. Six foot chain link is recommended by the designer. The skatepark committee would like to use the 10' tennis court fence temporarily (the newly funded courts at Iditapark) for this, since the courts will not be built until later in the summer. The fence installation will take approximately 2-3 days so should be started as soon as the excavating starts, so that when the area is completely graded and compacted, the temporary fence will be in place to protect it. Mr. Wormhoudt recommends a locked gate be installed at this time. If the skatepark can use this fence from the proposed tennis courts, it will save us approximately \$5,000, allowing \$5,000 for the temporary installation expenses.

**Iron bending to set rebar:**

There is 48,000 linear feet of ½" rebar to be bent and tied at intersections of 12" for 6" thick cement. This will decrease if 4" cement is used. This is a *very important* step and must be approved by Mr. Wormhoudt before any cement can be poured.

### **Cement Work:**

Mike Smith of Wasilla Concrete has been working with Mae Good on the concrete needs for this facility. Anchorage Sand & Gravel has offered a 10% discount on the cement needed. Mr. Zach Wormhoudt has approved the use of Type I cement, which is more specific to our climate, and has reduced the cost. The thickness has been kept at 6".

The pump trucks will be needed to pour the cement over the fence, so they cannot erode the sides of the compacted area. Mr. Smith & Anchorage Sand and Gravel are working together to reduce this cost. Burlap was suggested to keep moist for 30 days for the "curing process". Mr. George Strothers, MSB Engineer, suggested using road construction fabric, as it is reusable. We are researching this. This line item could be reduced significantly. Labor cannot be donated for the cement work since it is so technical.

### **Sprinklers with interval timers:**

There is a hydrant behind Valley Feed & Seed that can be used to pipe water to the site with a monitoring device. Mr. Leoni can work on the monitoring device and getting water to the site.

### **Landscaping between cement oval and fence:**

Topsoil and seeding may occur on the perimeter while the cement is curing since water must be sprinkled consistently. The Operating Engineers have offered to do this also.

### **POST CONSTRUCTION:**

#### **Benches inside fenced area:**

Six galvanized steel benches from the Anchorage prison have been donated for this project and are being stored until we need them.

#### **Trails from parking areas:**

Parking areas to the west on Nelson and to the south by VPA must be marked/established, then walking trails to the facility. This would mean adjusting the fencing on Nelson Avenue. It will be very important to have boundaries established for the parking lots before the facility opens. We could be working on this while the cement is curing.

#### **Signage:**

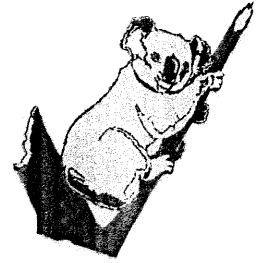
Signage will be very crucial to the success of this facility. Before any signs are placed, the wording must be approved by our insurance company and attorney for liability issues. Valley Hospital will pay for 2 signs at the facility, in addition to their generous contribution of \$1,000! The Skateboarders are developing a code of ethics, and would like this to be posted both inside and out of the facility. They may also want to name the facility, so a name sign would be needed. Mr. Hubbard, Woodshop teacher at WHS, has offered to construct these signs if the material is provided. A Kiosk would be advisable to post notices of times or dates of special events or closings. This might also be a project for the Woodshop class.

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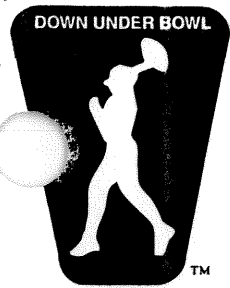
# CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

Hello, my name is Kasper Keene. I am a sixteen year old Junior at Wasilla High School. I have been cheerleading for seven years or nine consecutive seasons. I was accepted on the varsity level in my Freshman year, and every season since. In April of 1997, my football cheerleading squad won a bid to nationals, "The Disney Spirit Classic", which we attended, and humbly took fourth place in the small varsity division. As part of the football cheerleading squad, I have attended three high school cheerleading state competitions in which my squad took first place. My Sophomore year, I competed in junior division individuals and placed sixth in state. November 1997, at the NCA state cheerleading competition, Ginger Jenks and myself placed second in the senior partner stunt division. As an athlete, I also believe it is important to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, which I have accomplished since junior high school. Last, but certainly not least, I have been nominated to participate in the Down Under Bowl X, which will be held in Australia, in July of 1998.

Sincerely,

*Kasper F Keene*

Kasper F. Keene



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To Whom It May Concern,

The person in possession of this letter has been invited to participate in the 1998 Down Under Bowl.

The Down Under Bowl is an annual event (now in its tenth year) hosted each June and July in Australia and New Zealand. American All Star Football Teams play each other and American All Star Cheerleaders and Dance/Drill Team members perform in various cities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for this individual to participate in the 1998 Down Under Bowl. Those who have gone in the past have had an unforgettable and life changing experience. They have had the chance to play and perform in front of Australian and New Zealand fans, sign autographs, occasionally appear on T.V. and radio, and interact with Australian and New Zealand students. They not only see a part of the world that is truly fascinating, but they also act as Ambassadors for America as they exemplify the great sporting traditions we love.

We would appreciate any support you can give, thus assuring that this person will be able to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

George O'Scanlon  
President, ISSI

**1998 Down Under Bowl X  
All-Stars**

**Kasper Keene  
2200 Gwene Lane  
Wasilla, Alaska 99654  
373-3734 kasper@southstar.com**

**A PROMT REPLY  
IS APPRECIATED**

*Deadline April 20<sup>th</sup>*

Dear *Ma'am or Sir* :

I have been invited to cheer in the 1998 Down Under Bowl in Australia and/or New Zealand next June and July. I am very honored to have been chosen to participate in this prestigious All-Star program. We will be playing an American football tournament featuring All-Star teams from all over the United States. I am asking for sponsors to help defray the cost of this trip. A major source of funds comes from the voluntary contributions of family, friends, and interested sponsors. Your sponsorship would be a very important part of my fund raising activity. This donation will help me raise enough money to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Sincerely,

*Kasper J Keene*

Kasper Keene

**Would You Please Help Sponsor Me?**

Yes, I would like to help by making a donation of :

\$25

\$50

\$100

\$150

\$200

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your generosity. Please make your check payable to :  
Down Under Bowl X

Thank you for making my fundraising efforts a success. Your sponsorship is genuinely appreciated.

Please send this form along with your sponsorship to the address above.



Wasilla High School, Wasilla, AK

~Junior Year~

- Business Professionals of America (BPA)
- Captain of Varsity Football Cheerleading
- Varsity Hockey Cheerleading
- Radio Reading for English, Curfew Law
- Maintained a 3.0+ GPA
- Advanced Math with Trig
- French III, Independent Study
- Probability and Statistics

~Sophomore Year~

- Varsity Football Cheerleading
- Varsity Basketball Cheerleading
- Attended the 1997 Disney Land Spirit Classic, Cheerleading Nationals
- Maintained a 3.0+ GPA
- Volunteer work for Wasilla Wonderland Park
- Cheerleading Performance at the Alaska State Fair
- Varsity Soccer, JV Track and Field
- Honors Biology
- Algebra II
- French II

~Freshman Year~

- Junior Varsity Football Cheerleading
- Varsity Hockey Cheerleading
- Business Professionals of America (BPA)  
Placed sixth in the Secretarial Division
- Freshman Class Secretary
- Traveled to Europe with my French class
- Geometry
- Honors Physical Science
- French I
- Varsity Soccer
- Maintained a 3.0+ GPA
- Summer Health Course, Independent Study

Wasilla Middle School, Wasilla, AK

~Eighth Grade~

- Varsity Basketball Cheerleading
- C-team Volleyball
- Varsity Track & Field
- National Junior Honor Society
- Algebra I
- Maintained a 3.5+ GPA
- Received Presidential Academic Award
- Received Presidential Physical Fitness Award

~Seventh Grade~

- Junior Varsity Basketball Cheerleading
- Junior Varsity Track & Field
- Peer Mediators, appeared on Norma Goodman Show
- Pre-Algebra
- Maintained a 3.5+ GPA
- Received Presidential Physical Fitness Award

~Sixth Grade~

- Junior Varsity Track & Field
- Maintained a 3.5+ GPA
- Received Presidential Physical Fitness Award

Iditarod Elementary, Wasilla, AK

~Fifth Grade~

- PE Peer Helper, Helped Special Ed Students
- Track & Field
- Cross Country Running
- Science Fair, First Place

~Fourth Grade~

- Cross Country Running
- Track & Field
- Science Fair, Second Place

~Other Accomplishments~

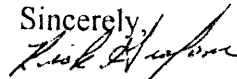
- Jump for Heart
- Walk for Life, Three Years
- Three Years in Young Writers Conference
- Sang at a Retirement Home, Church Group
- Attended several Town Meetings; Teen Recreation
- Attended and Taught Cheerleading Camps
- Wasilla Bible Church Youth Group, Five Years

# Southstar Enterprises

Subject: Letter of Recommendation

Having known Kasper Keene over 3 years, I Have found her to be a very responsible and dedicated teen. Her service to her community and her school have helped her develop into a very civic minded and caring individual. Her abilities and accomplishments in school, sports and community are an excellent example of the capabilities and standards for todays youth to follow. She will do well at any task she undertakes. She is an excellent representative of Alaska's youth for the Down Under Bowl X.

Sincerely,



Rick Graham

President

Southstar Enterprises

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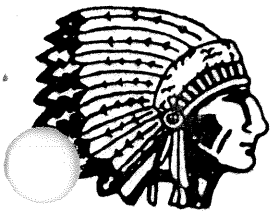
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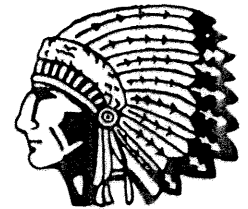
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# WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL



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**Dwight Probasco- Principal  
Bobbye Taylor- Assistant Principal  
Leonard Lusk- Assistant Principal**

January 5, 1998

To Whom it may concern,

Kasper Keene has asked if I would write her a letter of recommendation for The Down Under Bowl X. I felt that in order for this to be an effective letter that I should give some idea of Kaspers background and how I have come to know her.

I have known Kasper since the fall of 1996 as a student in Algebra II, and Advanced Mathematics. I have seen Kasper work as a student and as a competitive cheerleader. As a math student Kasper has always mastered concepts easily and has demonstrated a sincere dedication to her education. Kasper not only excels academically but is definitely a student leader. As a cheerleader, Kasper has been involved with three state cheerleading championships, one team that place fourth at nationals , and has been instrumental in promoting school spirit and student involvement at Wasilla High School.

It is my opinion that Kasper is a focused individual that will be successful in any endeavor she chooses. This is why I recommend Kasper, without reservation, for admittance to this event.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Murr  
Mathematics Department Chair

January 5, 1998

To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I have this opportunity to recommend Kasper Keene to you. I have coached Kasper for the past three years and she has been a vital member of her varsity cheerleading squad. Kasper is a well-rounded individual and has many outstanding qualities.

Kasper started cheering at Wasilla High School three years ago. In that time her squad has captured three state and two regional titles. Kasper also competed nationally last spring with her squad placing fourth. Kasper has worked hard to contribute to the squad's success. She has taken gymnastics at a local academy to increase her tumbling skills.

Kasper is focused and hardworking. She attends all practices and cheer functions and is always punctual. She also handles responsibility well, has strong leadership abilities and was co-captain of her squad. I have often assigned additional duties to Kasper and she completes them properly and on time. Kasper learns new material quickly. This has been very helpful to me as a coach because I have relied heavily on her to teach new material to the rest of her squad. Kasper works well with fellow squad members, is very patient with slower learners and is sensitive to their feelings. She is respectful to those in authority.

I am happy that Kasper has this opportunity to travel to Australia. I know she will be an outstanding representative of her school, city and state. I have enjoyed coaching Kasper and look forward to her senior year. If you have any questions please contact me at (907)376-0390. My home address is PO Box 2856, Palmer, AK 99645.

Cordially,



Debra Reiss  
Varsity Cheerleading Coach  
Wasilla High School  
701 E. Bogard Rd.  
Wasilla, AK 99654

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Hi, my name is Sharee Davis; I am a sophomore at Wasilla High School. I am fortunate enough to have been nominated by my Cheerleading Coach to attend the Down Under Bowl in Australia, July 1 through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

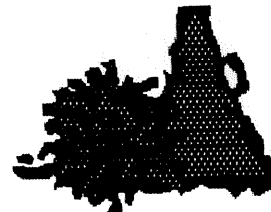
The chance to attend this event is not only a once in a lifetime opportunity but it will provide me with the opportunity to network with cheerleaders from around the world and learn new and valuable ideals to share with the Wasilla High School Cheerleading Program.

Enclosed is information on my nomination. Please review this information and consider supporting me in this chance of a lifetime.

Thank you,

Sharee Davis

if  
it's  
in  
your  
heart  
it  
shows  
in  
your  
spirit!



## CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

*The Team can make you practice, the crowd can pump you up, the coach can call you a player, but only the LOVE can make you a cheerleader!*

HI, MY NAME IS SHAREE DAVIS  
I AM A SOPHOMORE AT  
WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL

Daughter of Rick Davis  
Grandaughter of Walter Davi



*I have been nominated to represent the State of Alaska on this year's Alaska all Star cheerleading Team at the tenth annual Down Under Bowl in Australia. I am very honored to have been chosen to participate in this prestigious all-star program. Cheerleaders from Alaska along with all-star cheerleaders from other states will come together for a cultural exchange activity. We will be cheering at football games and other events, such as rugby league game, a basketball game or at a theme park.*

*I am asking for sponsors to help defray the cost of this trip. A major source of funds comes from the voluntary contributions of family, friends and interested sponsors. Your sponsorship would be a very important part of my fund raising activity. This donation will help me raise enough money to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.*

*Would you please be a sponsor for me?*

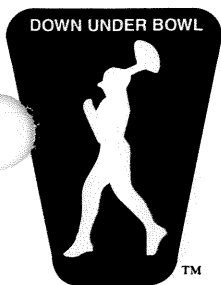
*Yes, I would like to help by making a donation of;*

\$25.00      \$50.00      \$75.00      \$100.00      \$150.00      \$200.00  
*Others*\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You for making my fund raising effort a success. Your sponsorship is genuinely appreciated.*

*Please send this form along with your sponsorship check made out to International Sports Specialists Inc. (ISSI) to my address at P.O. Box 870258, Wasilla, Alaska 99687.*





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11/10/97

Sharee Davis  
P O Box 870258  
Wasilla AK, 99687

## OFFICIAL INVITATION

Dear Sharee,

On behalf of International Sports Specialists, Inc. we are pleased to announce that your school's cheerleading advisor has nominated you to represent your State on next year's Alaska All Star Cheerleading Team at the tenth annual Down Under Bowl in . You have been selected to participate in this once in a lifetime program, along with other cheerleaders throughout your state, because of your outstanding high school cheerleading achievements.

The Down Under Bowl is an annual event hosted in Australia and New Zealand each June and July. All-star cheerleaders from your state, along with all-star cheerleaders from other states will come together for a cultural exchange activity not soon to be forgotten. You will have the opportunity to cheer at two football games and generally at two other events, such as a rugby league game, a basketball game or at a theme park. Your trip will also include other opportunities to experience such things as interacting with the local people, visiting popular attractions, exploring a new culture and tasting native foods. There may even be some radio, TV, or other media attention. A copy of our annual newsletter describing a prior year's Down Under Bowl is enclosed.

Your 13-day trip will include eight days and seven nights in . Then, on your return home to the United States, you will be able to spend three nights and three days in Hawaii for rest and relaxation.

International Sports Specialists, Inc. works hard to keep the cost of the trip as low as possible. We have developed some fund raising ideas to assist you in raising the money for the trip. If you are willing to make the effort, our fund raising ideas, along with others you may have, should give you the opportunity to raise the funds necessary regardless of your circumstances. Your state coach could assist you in conducting the fund raising activities. Working with the coach should assure that your out of pocket costs are kept to a minimum.

In order for you to receive further information and details about the trip you must first fill out the enclosed information postcard and check the "YES" box. After completing the postage paid postcard, drop it off at your local post office, and we will send you your official kit that contains all the information you will need in order to attend next year's Down Under Bowl.

Congratulations once again on your selection to the All Star Team!

Yours sincerely,

*Gary G. Hillyard*

Gary G. Hillyard  
Vice-President

P.S. If you are unable to be a part of this year's team please complete the information required and check the "NO" box on the information postcard and mail it to us so that we can select an alternate to take your place.

**Down Under Bowl**

**March 7, 1998**

**Wasilla High School  
Bogard Road  
Wasilla, Alaska 99654  
Ph. # (907) 376-5341**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**I congratulate Sharee Davis on her selection for Alaska's 1998 Down Under Bowl Cheer/Dance**

**All-Star Team. As a former cheerleader and cheerleading coach, I understand the countless hours of aerobic conditioning, weight training, and routine practice that challenge each athlete on a daily basis. Sharee's dance, cheer, and gymnastic skills show that she takes her sport seriously. What truly makes her one of our state's elites, however, is her character. As a cheerleader, student, and young woman, she acts as a role model to her peers. Sharee is the ideal representative for both Alaska and the United States and is deserving of our financial support.**

**I currently have Sharee in my sophomore English class. Her work is always on time, complete, and done well. If she is going to be absent due to a game, she attempts to make-up missed work before she leaves. Sharee doesn't settle for mediocrity, but puts in extra time revising or studying to meet her standards, which are high. Strong study habits along with genuine interest in learning continue to earn Sharee A's in English.**

**I believe travel is one of the best educators in life, and the chance for Sharee to represent her country in Australia would be a memorable moment in her high school career. She possesses the athletic skills, enthusiasm, manners, and heart of an Alaskan ambassador. Your contribution to her trip is an investment in her future and money well spent.**

**Sincerely yours,**



**Carla M. Takesita  
English teacher**