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Mayor Flaggs and Board of Alderman

P.O. Box 150

Vicksburg, Ms. 39181

Dear Mayor Flaggs and Board of Alderman:

The River City Special Olympics softball team, Mississippi Mudbugs, has been invited once again to play in the Moose International 2017 Special Olympics North American Softball Invitational. This tournament is scheduled for August, 17-20, 2017 in Bismarck, North Dakota.

The Mississippi Mudbugs traveled to Roanoke, Virginia in 2016 for participation in this invitational and returned home to Vicksburg after a fun filled event and proudly came home obtaining Silver Medals.

The Mississippi Mudbugs are one of only two teams in the State of Mississippi to qualify and be invited to attend the 2017 invitational. These athletes are very excited to have this opportunity to demonstrate their abilities. The mere thought of traveling to another state overjoys the team, as many have never had the opportunity to travel outside Vicksburg much less the state of Mississippi.

Most of the Special Olympic athletes are from low income and single parent families, therefore they cannot provide the essentials that go along with being able to pay for gloves, uniforms, shoes and even under clothes.

For this dream to come true, we are once again requesting your assistance. Respectfully a \$3,000.00 contribution for advertising on the Mississippi Mudbugs' T-shirts and bags, which will be worn during travel from Vicksburg to North Dakota and while there, would assist greatly in this endeavor. The City of Vicksburg's logo will proudly be displayed on the back of players and Coaches uniforms as we have done in the past. The city's logo will also be displayed throughout our social media post and banners.

The River City Special Olympics softball team, "Mississippi Mudbugs", look forward to representing the City of Vicksburg and bringing home the "GOLD".

Thank you for your support!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pauline Vessell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Pauline Vessell, Director

River City Special Olympics

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