CVYL

Conemaugh Valley Youth League

To: The Residents of the Conemaugh Valley School District

Fr: Mark Miller, President of the CVYL (Conemaugh Valley Youth League)

Re: Donations for Sports Lighting at main field in Conemaugh

Dear Conemaugh Valley School District Resident,

My name is Mark Miller and I'm the President of the Conemaugh Valley Youth League. Over the past few years we have seen steady growth and expect our Little League to continue to grow. Currently we have around 200 boys & girls from ages 4 to 15 yrs old playing T-Ball, Baseball and Softball. Twelve teams trying to play games on just one field is a difficult task to say the least. The past few seasons we have been wondering if it were at all possible to add a lighting system to the field. This would allow us to play evening games during the week, giving working parents and families more opportunity to see the games, while not having to schedule weekend games.

We formed a lighting committee that has been hard at work to determine which particular system and configurations are needed. We obtained quotes and field design layouts from several major lighting companies and have figured out exactly what we need. Additional field construction work such as the pouring of the pedestal footers, assembly of the lighting system, and electrical wiring work has us looking at an overall budget somewhere in the range of \$20,000 - \$30,000 for the completion of the entire system. We will have four galvanized light poles holding a total of 28 light fixtures, all of which will have the lighting concentrated onto the playing field with very minimal impact of "spill" lighting to neighboring houses or roads. The cost of running the lights once installed will be solely covered by the CVYL. We have been in search of donations from area businesses as well as seeking any available monetary grants.

The CVYL Lighting Committee recently met with Conemaugh Borough Council to gain permission to pursue this project and has been granted the go ahead by the Borough Council to do so. We would keep in compliance by only playing games with the lights on until the allotted time allowed by the Borough curfew.

The CVYL cannot complete this project for our kids/players unless you can help us! We need monetary donations to get the full amount ASAP, before the various bids/costs rise in amount. A special CVYL account has been formed for this project at First National Bank. You can visit any of the area branches to donate to this fund or fill out the mail-in sheet on the back of this letter.

When our kids are forced to play extended seasons due to games called on account of darkness and kids' games have to be changed due to field scheduling difficulties, keeping weekends set aside for family time, we saw the need to act upon getting these kids lights so evening and night games can be played. Please consider donating to this fund. Help light the dreams of our kids in the community who always wished to play night-time ball games at home. Please consider donating any amount that you can afford to the CVYL Lighting Project! Residents and businesses that contribute \$100 - \$499 get a Bronze sponsorship, \$500-\$999 for a Silver sponsorship or \$1,000 + for a Gold Sponsorship. These names will be put on a special lighting fund billboard that will be displayed at the field forever.

Thank you very much for your time and support to this endeavor!

Very Sincerely Yours,

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If you have any questions or if you would like to help us out in any way, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Clip off and make checks payable to CVYL Lighting Fund

Mail to: CVYL, 200 Buriak Road, Johnstown, PA 15909

Name _____ Phone _____

Amount _____

*Name to be displayed on Field Billboard _____

* Names to be displayed example: The Smith Family, Joe Smith, Joe & Rita Smith, just about anything you would like displayed, within reason, will be professionally lettered onto the billboard. The billboards will be displayed along each baseline fence.