



PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF SOUTH KITSAP

IAFF LOCAL 2876

Brothers and Sisters of Local 437,

There are no words, sentences, or letters that will ever truly express how grateful we are to your organization.

Your membership has created a miracle that has touched every one of our lives. By using your connection to the Pittsburgh Steelers you were able to gain two tickets to Super Bowl XLIV for Brother Jamel Linzsey. Every red blooded American knows the value and can understand the gravity of this gift. However, the ripple affect that it has made may not be so obvious. With this gift you have not only blessed Jamel, but you have eased the pain of our entire Union.

As you know our members have been coping with Jamel's illness. His diagnosis of Cancer was a sucker punch to every one of us. In just a few short weeks we went from running calls with Jamel to making sure he has company during his chemotherapy. Like your own Union Body, we are a group of people who have dedicated our lives to helping others. It is so difficult to sit back and watch a loved one suffer. Most of us have struggled with the inability to do anything substantial for Jamel. Kind words, phone calls, and prayers just seem so insignificant.

We are sure that Jamel is no stranger to your members. He is a personality to be reckoned with, and is more deserving of this gift than you know. Aside from his years in the Fire Service, Jamel served his country in the United States Army for 13 years. We hope that you're aware of how significant of a trip this will be for Jamel. He is an avid football fan and will be given the chance to reunite and bond with his brother. There is no doubt in our minds that Jamel will be the most grateful and proudest American at Sun Life Stadium.

We do not know the logistics. We have no idea the amount of work that went into getting these tickets for our Brother. We do know this...it was worth it. In the midst of a grueling chemo schedule you have allowed Jamel the chance to live. It is very hard to look at this situation and find a silver lining. However, your act of group selflessness has given every member of Local 2876 hope, faith, and solace. It is another testament to our Brotherhood and Service. It was an act that mimics the same moral servitude that Jamel has dedicated his life to. We will forever be indebted to your organization.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

Your Brothers and Sisters of Local 2876

Tim Salters, President, Local 2876