

Who's your hero?

Do you know someone who has performed an extraordinary act of courage or dedicated countless hours to a special cause?

The University of Nebraska, University of Iowa, the Nebraska and Iowa chapters of the American Red Cross, and Hy-Vee are looking for the common citizens, the unheralded and unselfish pillars of our community.

One hero from both Nebraska and Iowa will be honored in front of a sold out crowd at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, when the Iowa Hawkeyes and Nebraska Cornhuskers play the inaugural Heroes Game presented by Hy-Vee on Friday, Nov. 25.

“We believe that the people of Iowa and the people of Nebraska are very much alike in many ways,” said Tom Osborne, director of athletics at the University of Nebraska. “Both believe in an honest day's work, the importance of community and family, and both love college football and their football heroes. We also know there are citizens of our states doing exceptional things every day and we think they are deserving of some recognition and we look forward to using this game to do that.”

“Given the fact that the game will be played the day after Thanksgiving, I can't think of a better way to salute all citizens of our two states by honoring two ‘Citizen Heroes’ who have truly gone above and beyond the call of duty,” said Gary Barta, director of athletics at the University of Iowa. “We also hope we receive hundreds if not thousands of nominations because no good deed is too small.”

A nominee must be at least 18 years of age and live, work or go to school in either Nebraska or Iowa. However, the act of heroism or good deed need not have occurred in either state.

One person from both Nebraska and Iowa will be selected to represent each state at the Heroes Game. They will receive four tickets to the football game, participate in an on-field presentation, and have their name and hometown inscribed on the Heroes Game trophy.

Nominations will be accepted until Oct. 31. Nomination forms, rules, and further information can be found online at www.Hy-Vee.com or may be picked up at Hy-Vee store locations in Iowa and Nebraska.

Nominations may also be mailed to the American Red Cross Omaha office, 2912 S. 80th Ave., Omaha, NE 68124, or faxed to (402) 343-7777 by midnight on October 31, 2011.

Nominations not recognized at the Heroes Game will be considered for recognition at the American Red Cross Heroes of the Heartland events in selected Iowa and Nebraska cities and towns in March 2012.