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Community Matters One-Year Anniversary Celebration Dinner – Monday, November 5th, at the Club at Longview

Community Matters will hold a special celebration dinner at The Club at Longview, 8801 Longview Club Drive, Weddington, NC, on November 5. Tickets are \$250 per person. It will be a great event to which to invite customers, vendors and employees -- so they can learn more about how our local insurance industry is making a difference in Charlotte.

At the dinner, we'll announce our fundraising total for the year, present a check to United Family Services and celebrate organizations that have really made an impact with Community Matters this year. Then we'll look ahead to our plans for 2013. And we hope to auction off some great prizes as well.

To attend, simply RSVP by October 26th with number attending to info@communitymatterscharlotte.org. You can pay via Paypal at www.communitymatterscharlotte.org/donate.html or send a check to Community Matters, 3600 Arco Corporate Drive, Charlotte, NC 28273, ATTN: Gwyn Fuller.

Thanks again to our table sponsors for the dinner: AmWINS Group, Arrowpoint Capital, BB&T Insurance Services, Great American Professional Risk Insurance Services, Wells Fargo Insurance Services, and Wright Insurance Group.

Community Matters Featured in October 10th *Charlotte Observer*

An article about Community Matters -- "Insurance Firms Unite to Aid Shelter" -- was included in today's edition of *The Charlotte Observer*. To check it out, click on <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/10/09/3587261/insurance-industry-effort-to-help.html>

"Arts Day" at the UFS Shelter for Battered Women

The United Family Services Art with Heart Committee and representatives from Community Matters collaborated and put on an "Arts Day" recently at the Shelter for Battered Women. It was an opportunity for UFS clients and their children to paint, draw and create collages -- all to celebrate art. Special thanks to Artist/Designer Robin Tonelli for pulling this terrific event together.



Pictured at Arts Day: Tom Lott, Angela Matherly and Kedar Bryan from Community Matters...and Robin Tonelli, Katherine Daly and Hillary Lacouture from Art with Heart.

Highlight Your Community Outreach

Remember, our goal is to highlight all the charitable efforts of our Community Matters companies -- not just those related to this year's fundraising campaign for United Family Services. So please share your stories and pictures so we can showcase them on the Community Matters website and in our newsletter.



Aon Celebrates 25th Anniversary with Global Service Day

To celebrate its 25th anniversary as a global brand, Aon plc provided 25,000 hours of service in the communities around the globe in which it conducts business. Aon's Global Service Day is an outgrowth of the firm's ongoing commitment to being a responsible global citizen. Here in Charlotte, Aon colleagues joined forces with Crisis Assistance Ministries, Second Harvest Food Bank, The Salvation Army Center of Hope and The American Red Cross. More than 100 volunteers contributed over 320 hours in service activities including sorting food, writing 150 letters to send to our troops overseas, sorting through donations for the Crisis Assistance Free Store and cleaning Salvation Army facilities.

AmWINS Day of Service

AmWINS recently held its second annual Day of Service, an initiative focused on enhancing the communities in which the company's employees live and work. AmWINS offices volunteered with a nonprofit organization or charity event of their choice, with more than 1,200 employees collectively logging 6,500 hours of community service -- impacting more than 35 communities around the world. In Charlotte, AmWINS employees organized, priced and marked through barcodes of donated items at the Habitat for Humanity Restore (team pictured here) as well as sorted food at Second Harvest Food Bank; cleared trails and painted with Mitey Riders (an organization providing equine-assisted therapy to special needs children); cooked a meal for guests at the Ronald McDonald House; repaired a home with Habitat for Humanity; and mulched beds on the Greenway with Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation.



Welcome to our Newest Community Matters Member Companies

Our organization has welcomed three new organizations since the last newsletter: ACE USA, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. and Fireman's Fund. That brings our total membership count to 50! And we're still growing.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month -- and United Family Services has sent the attached proclamation to all the cities and towns in Mecklenburg County for inclusion in their city council meetings.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month has been recognized so far in Davidson, Cornelius, Matthews and Pineville -- and it is on the agenda for the 10/16 Mecklenburg County Commission meeting and a to-be-determined Charlotte City Council meeting.

The proclamation is attached below -- with some important statistics and information you might want to know.



2012 UFS DV Awareness Month Proclamation.pdf

New Shelter Scheduled to Open in mid-December

The new Clyde and Ethel Dickson Domestic Violence Shelter is scheduled to open in mid-December. Community Matters is looking into the possibility of holding a Service Day at the new facility prior to move-in. In addition, member companies have the opportunity to furnish a bedroom or suite at the new shelter, with information provided at the following link. We'll keep you posted about our plans.

<http://www.unitedfamilyservices.org/>