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ONE CAUSE
AT A TIME



Volunteer Opportunities for May

Our partners -- Crisis Assistance Ministry and Charlotte Family Housing -- have many volunteer opportunities during the month of May. Below are the dates now available. To learn more about each and get instructions on how to sign up for a particular date, please access the Community Matters Calendar through the Volunteer Page on the Community Matters Website at <http://www.communitymatterscharlotte.org/volunteer.html>.

Crisis Assistance Ministry:

Free Store Production Area:

- Tuesday May 12 from 2:30-4:30pm
- Tuesday May 19 from 2:30-4:30pm
- Thursday May 21 from 9-11am
- Wednesday May 27 from 9-11am

Breakfast/ Lunch Ministry:

- Wednesday May 6 for Breakfast
- Monday May 11 for Lunch
- Thursday May 14 for Breakfast

Relocation Assistance:

- Saturday May 16
- Thursday May 21

Current Needed Items:

- School Uniforms
- Linens/ Bedding
- Pots and Pans
- Men's Clothes

Charlotte Family Housing:

Snack and childcare for the following dates during required classes:

- Sunday, May 17
- Sunday, May 31

Location for all dates: Myers Park United Methodist Church, Rooms 024 (for the children) 3:45-6:16pm

Overnight Host Opportunities: 300 Hawthorne Lane. Teens needing service hours can stay with an adult.

- Sunday May 17

- Monday May 18
- Tuesday May 19
- Wednesday May 20
- Thursday May 21

Current Items needed:

Twin and full Bed-in-Bags and pot/pan sets for new families moving into shelter. These items can be dropped off at Plaza Place (2410 The Plaza) 24/7. There is always a staff person on duty.

Community Matters to Receive Charlotte Family Housing Impact Award Sunday

Charlotte Family Housing will present Community Matters: Insurance Partners of Charlotte with the CFH Impact Award on Sunday, May 3. This award is presented once a year at CFH's annual spring fundraiser, Yellow Brick Road, to a community partner that has gone above and beyond to support our mission of solving family homelessness. This year, Charlotte Family Housing has nominated Community Matters as the award winner "due to their dedication, commitment, and financial contributions to the organization."

The Yellow Brick Road festival (no walking this time) will be held on Sunday, from 2-4. There will be food & fun, music, children's activities and a raffle. If you're interested in attending, please register at CFHYellowBrickRoad.org.

Welcome to Arch Insurance Group

Please join us in giving Arch a big welcome as our 69th member organization. It's great to have them. Serving as leader and coordinator for the company will be Dana Smigiel, Assistant Vice President for Business Development. You may remember that Dana was responsible for the 500,000th dollar we received as an organization, thanks to a contribution made in her name for last year's dodgeball tournament (see our 8/15/2014 newsletter).

We want to continue to expand so if you know of a company or group that would be interested in joining us, contact Tom Lott at tom.lott@amwins.com or Angela Matherly at Amatherly@snyderslance.com.

Dodgeball Photos Available

Dodgeball photos are now available online -- at sites set up by our two extraordinary photographers: David Brandt of the City of Charlotte, and Randy Rimland of Carolina Sports Photography.

David's photos are at <http://dppics.phanfare.com/6883526>.

Randy's photos are at <http://www.carolinasportsphotography.com/p181693748>. For Randy's photos, please do not remove the watermark on the bottom of the photo when downloading as the photos are copyrighted and can only be used for personal purposes.

A Final PS from the Dodgeball Tournament

In our last newsletter, we told you how Swimmer Insurance's Matt Frazier became top individual fundraiser by selling advertising on parts of his body. He wanted everyone to know that Liberty Mutual once again was his biggest customer, purchasing the rights to advertising on his shaved head. We're waiting to hear if it worked as a marketing move. Thanks Matt and Liberty!