

MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
IN CHARLOTTE  
ONE CAUSE  
AT A TIME



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## Community Matters Volunteers -- Ready or Not?

The volunteers from Community Matters are truly making a difference in the lives of working families striving to avoid homelessness! Special thanks to folks at AmWins, Aon Hewitt, Arrowpoint Capital, Cincinnati Insurance, City of Charlotte, CorVel, Great American, The Hartford, Liberty Mutual, Lockton Companies, Marsh/Mercer, Snyder's-Lance, Sompo Japan Nipponkoa America and others who have already shown "READINESS" to fill the volunteer needs of our agencies!

Per our volunteer calendar, our volunteer needs are being met approximately 50% of the time at Crisis Assistance Ministry and 30% of the time at Charlotte Family Housing. We think we can do even better and we are asking for your help. We are looking for individuals to join our recently formed READY Team so that we can better respond to the needs of our agencies, even on short notice. READY Team members will be contacted to help us out when there's an immediate need at one of our agencies. Please let us know if you are READY to join the following team members.

David Barfield (AmWINS), Retta Barkely (Great American), Patrick Bowes (Sompo), Kedar Bryan (Arrowpoint Capital), Paul Clawson (Marsh), Vonni Davis (AIG), Tamara Dorce (Mercer), Frankie Honeycutt (Great American), Rhonda Johnson (AmWINS), Todd Keenan (Burns & Wilcox), Tom Lott (AmWINS), Angela Matherly (Snyder's-Lance), Kayla Maynarich (McNeary), Tyler Mays (Cincinnati Financial), Dan Pliszka (City of Charlotte), Dana Vorholt (The Hartford), Karen Wilder (AIG) and Lee Wright (Great American).

If you are not based locally, you could sign up for a future team-building opportunity when your group plans to be in the area. Please check out the Volunteer Calendar at [www.communitymatterscharlotte.org/volunteer.html](http://www.communitymatterscharlotte.org/volunteer.html).

**Urgent:** Charlotte Family Housing needs immediate help the week of August 31-September 4. Most volunteer options at the agency are open that week as they are not being filled by a congregation or organization. **Our call for action in the last newsletter only filled 8 spots with 17 more open!** Here is a link to the Community Matters Volunteer Calendar through the Community Matters Volunteer Page at <http://www.communitymatterscharlotte.org/volunteer.html>. Sign up to be a hero in your community! Please remember to complete the attached Volunteer Interest Form and send it to both Tammy Medlock at Charlotte Family Housing and Karen Wilder at [karen.wilder@aig.com](mailto:karen.wilder@aig.com) so that fulfillment of each need can be noted.

## **Third Annual Celebration Dinner is November 10 - Sign Up for a Table Now**

We're pleased to announce that our Third Annual Celebration Dinner will be held this year on Monday, November 10 at the Club at Longview. The celebration dinner will allow us to recognize the work of our member companies and to present our 2014 checks to Charlotte Family Housing and Crisis Assistance Ministry. Mark your calendars now.

Seats are \$250 apiece. But we also encourage you to sponsor a table of 10 and invite your customers, business partners and employees as guests. All proceeds above the cost of the event will go toward Community Matters' support of our partners' work to end homelessness. Sponsorships are available at three levels:

- Platinum       \$25,000
- Gold             \$10,000
- Silver           \$ 5,000

We hope that you will consider a sponsorship. Last year, the dinner was one of our most successful fundraising events, and we need your support to reach our \$200,000 goal. To sponsor a table, email [kedar.bryan@arrowpointcap.com](mailto:kedar.bryan@arrowpointcap.com) with your level of sponsorship.

## **Registration for Oct. 18th 5K To Begin After Labor Day**

As announced in our last newsletter, our first 5k will take place at the McAlpine Creek Greenway on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The event begins at 9:00 am and will feature a 5k Run/Walk and a Kids' Dash. Registration will begin the week of Labor Day. Be on the look-out for more details soon.

## **Welcome to Cunningham Lindsey**

Community Matters would like to welcome Cunningham Lindsey as our newest member, bringing our total to 66 companies and organizations. We hope to continue to expand -- eventually reaching all 10,000 insurance and risk management professionals in Charlotte. If you know of a company or group that would be interested in joining us, contact Tom Lott at [tom.lott@amwins.com](mailto:tom.lott@amwins.com) or Angela Matherly at [Amatherly@snyderslance.com](mailto:Amatherly@snyderslance.com).

## Company Volunteer Activities: Snyder's-Lance, AmWINS



The Charlotte members of the Snyder's-Lance Risk Management & Safety Team recently spent a morning at Crisis Assistance Ministry -- first providing breakfast through the Muffin Ministry and then sorting clothes and stocking the Free Store. The work provided for a great team-building experience. Thanks to Snyder's-Lance for volunteering.



A team from AmWINS recently fixed dinner for families living at Charlotte Family Housing's Hawthorne Shelter. They prepared chicken, homemade macaroni and cheese, salad, green beans, bread and dessert. The AmWINS folks were then able to sit down and enjoy the meal with the families. The parents, as well as the children, liked getting to know the team members -- as well as having a night off from preparing dinner.

## **Calamari Update - Dressler's Restaurant Donates Another \$1,954 to Community Matters**

Dressler's Restaurant's 'Calamari for Community Matters' has brought in another \$1,954 -- bringing the current total from the initiative to an impressive \$3,225! For those who don't remember, Dressler's is donating \$1 to Community Matters for every calamari dish sold in its restaurants. So our mission has been to fill the restaurants with calamari eaters as often as possible. There are locations in Charlotte (the Metropolitan) and Huntersville...and soon at South Park. Take your friends, family and colleagues for a lunch or evening out. And thanks to Jon and Kim Dressler for their generosity in making this happen.

## **Last but Not Least ...Top Dodgeball Fundraisers at the Lake**



City of Charlotte Risk Manager Dan Pliszka recently hosted the AmWINS Submission Impossible dodgeball team at his lakehouse to recognize the team's accomplishment as the dodgeball tournament's top fundraiser. Enjoying a beautiful Saturday afternoon were, back, Tom Lott, Dan, Joel Davis and Kenana Lockhart. Front, Leslie McNeice, Andrea Neill and Allison Day (holding Maggie Jo Pliszka).