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## Register Through April 5th for Second Annual Dodgeball Tournament! 32 Teams Signed Up To Date

The team slots for the Second Annual Community Matters Dodgeball Tournament are filling up fast. Only 10 openings now remain.

If you don't have a team, but want to play in this amazing event -- register for one of the two "Independent" teams. We'll make sure you're set up and ready to hurl a ball on the day of the tournament -- Friday, April 12, 11am to 3pm.

**CURRENTLY SIGNED UP TO PLAY** -- Teams from ACE, AIG, AmWINS, Aon, Aon Hewitt, Appalachian State University, Arrowpoint Capital, BB&T, CorVel, Great American, Hartford, Liberty Mutual, Lockton Companies, Marsh, McNeary, PMA Companies, Snyder's-Lance, Travelers, UNC Charlotte, Wells Fargo, Willis and Zenith Insurance Company. And some of these companies have multiple teams.

Remember, there are two levels of play this year -- competitive and recreational. Just register through our website at <http://dodgeball.kintera.org>. Or you can link through our Community Matters Website at [www.communitymatterscharlotte.org](http://www.communitymatterscharlotte.org).

**Space is limited to 42 teams so register as soon as you can.** Event T-shirts are also available for \$12 each -- make sure you order when signing up.

## Willis "Occupy Ball Street" Team Takes A Big Lead in Fundraising

Willis' Occupy Ball Street team is blowing through the donations goal during the first two weeks of registration, with \$3,054 raised to date. Team Captain Georgia Flatt notes that "We've sent our team page out to employees in our office, encouraging those who are not playing to donate to our cause. Obviously it's worked well, thanks to our very generous colleagues. Now we're going to work on contacts outside the office."

Coming in behind Willis in the fundraising pack are AmWINS' Submission Impossible team, with Adam Mathis as team captain -- \$627; Lockton's Lockstars, Captain Holly Hill -- \$465; AmWINS' The Kielers, Captain William Nichols -- \$388; the CorVel team, Captain Sean Snell -- \$300; the AIG team, Captain Lisa Klein -- \$232; AmWINS' The 5 D's, Captain Lauren Tamberino -- \$220; and Hartford Team 1, Captain Michael Katzman -- \$210.

**We'll update our fundraising totals each week until the tournament. Remember, every dodgeball team has been challenged to raise at least \$1,000 -- and hopefully more! The teams and individuals with the greatest donations will take home prizes from the tournament.**

## Calling for Tournament Volunteers

Volunteers are also needed to help us out during the tournament -- all day or during one of three shifts (10:00am-11:30am, 11:30am-2:00pm, 1:00pm-3:00pm). There are many roles you can play as a volunteer -- set up, referee, shuttle driver, scorekeeper, sign maker and registration to name a few. To be a volunteer, just complete the attached form (also available on the website) and send it to Angela Matherly at [amatherly@snyderslance.com](mailto:amatherly@snyderslance.com).

## **Tournament Sponsorships Also Available**

By becoming a sponsor, your company will be recognized at the event, will have your logo on the back of the volunteer T-shirts, and will be listed on our websites. You can also hang a banner at the tournament, if furnished. To be a sponsor, contact Angela Matherly at [amatherly@snyderslance.com](mailto:amatherly@snyderslance.com).

Remember, you don't have to be a Community Matters participating company to be a sponsor. Companies signed on to date include Aon, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated, Litigation Solutions, McNeary, PMA Companies, Zenith Insurance Company, Belk, Interstate Restorations, Snyder's-Lance and Piggly Wiggly.

## **Leaders & Coordinators Meeting Kicks Off 2013 CM Activities**

Community Matters hosted a Leaders & Coordinators Meeting on March 7 to officially start 2013 fundraising and volunteer activities. "Year Two" has lofty goals and an aggressive agenda to generate funds for Safe Alliance, our charity partner, including enlisting more companies to take a public stand against domestic violence and supporting Safe Alliance's mission of providing hope and healing to people in crisis.

After the dodgeball tournament, we plan a summer-long campaign with our member companies, groups and individuals developing fun and innovative ways to raise funds that will ultimately support Safe Alliance's domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and mental health awareness programs and services.

Our companies will also engage in a wide range of volunteer programs and days of service with Safe Alliance. According to Angela Matherly of Snyder's-Lance, a particular focus will be to provide "100 Days of Meals" to the domestic violence shelter this summer, as well as taking a lead role in the organization's "Holiday Store" activities.

Year Two will culminate in a November Celebration Dinner, where a check will be presented to Safe Alliance. Remember, tables at the dinner are available at the \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 levels so plan ahead!

Stay tuned for information on all these activities in the coming weeks.



Attendees at the March 7 Leaders & Coordinators Meeting listen to our 2013 plans.

### **Marsh's Paul Clawson Leads 2013 Charlotte Walk to Cure Diabetes**

Paul Clawson, Managing Director at Marsh, is leading this year's Charlotte Walk to Cure Diabetes on Saturday, April 27, 2013. JDRF (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes research. The Walk to Cure Diabetes is the organization's largest national fundraising event to help JDRF raise funds to accelerate progress toward the most promising opportunities to cure, treat and prevent T1D. This year's walk will be at Carowinds from 7 to 11 a.m. To get involved by becoming a corporate sponsor or entering a team, visit [www.jdrf.org/greaterwesterncarolinas](http://www.jdrf.org/greaterwesterncarolinas) or email Kelly Vasta at [kvasta@jdrf.org](mailto:kvasta@jdrf.org).

This is just one more way that Community Matters participating companies are making a difference throughout the Charlotte region.



Paul Clawson