



## Dodgeball Tournament Registration Begins Today, March 2

Put your teams together and sign up today for the Fourth Annual Dodgeball Tournament! Registration begins March 2, and runs through noon on Friday, April 3.

**Let's get the entire risk & insurance community behind this event...either as players, volunteers or sponsors/donors. Last year we netted over \$50,000 from this event, which helped us contribute \$175,000 to Crisis Assistance Ministry and Charlotte Family Housing. Our fundraising goal this year is \$65,000. That may seem like a stretch, but knowing our industry and its commitment to making a difference in Charlotte, we believe we can hit this...WITH YOUR HELP!**

Following are the details about the tournament.

### **WHEN**

Friday, April 17, 10:30am to 3pm

### **WHERE**

Sports Connection, 10930 Granite Street, Charlotte 28273

### **WHY**

To support Community Matters' fundraising efforts for Charlotte Family Housing and Crisis Assistance Ministry while having some fun with colleagues across the industry

### **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE**

Teams of 8 from local insurance firms and companies...or just groups of friends in the industry. If you don't have a team, sign up as an individual and we'll put you on a team based on your level of play. Must be 18-years-old to play. Entry fee per registered player is \$30. Teams can register alternate players exceeding 8; however, only 8 prizes will be given to the winning teams. A team must have a minimum of 6 players to compete in the tournament.

### **WHEN DOES REGISTRATION CLOSE**

Friday, April 3 – promptly at noon (or whenever we hit the maximum number of 42 teams)

### **HOW ARE FUNDS RAISED**

Each team is being asked to raise at least \$1,500...and hopefully much more!

### **TOURNAMENT DETAILS**

Like last year, there will be two levels -- competitive and recreational

During tournament play, teams are grouped together based on playing level and compete round-robin style. The winners from this round and additional select wild card teams will compete in the

championship play – a 16-team single-elimination tournament play. Prizes will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers.

### ***ARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

Absolutely, just complete the volunteer form, attached with this newsletter and also available through the dodgeball website, and send it to Angela Matherly at [amatherly@snyderslance.com](mailto:amatherly@snyderslance.com).



2015 Dodgeball Volunteer Form.docx

### ***ARE SPONSORS NEEDED***

Absolutely. For information, contact Angela Matherly at [amatherly@snyderslance.com](mailto:amatherly@snyderslance.com).

### ***HOW DO I REGISTER***

Through our website at <http://dodgeball.kintera.org> beginning March 3. Or link through our Community Matters Website at [www.communitymatterscharlotte.org](http://www.communitymatterscharlotte.org).

### ***NEW THIS YEAR***

Fundraising is more important than ever. Not only does it increase our contributions to our charity partners, but it also figures into tournament play. **This year, all tournament play tie-breakers and wild card selections go to those teams that have raised the most money.**

**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 one when signing up.

### ***...And Remember -- Prizes Also Go To The Best-Dressed Team with the Best Name***

Last year, we learned how creative the insurance industry is when it comes to decking out for dodgeball. It was a close contest, with top "Best-Dressed" honors going to the Westfield Zombies, just beating out the Travelers Pink Ladies. We want to see what you can come up with this year!



Westfield Zombies came in first in the 2014 Best-Dressed Team Contest...



...followed closely by the Travelers Pink Ladies

## **Community Matters To Extend Partnerships with Charlotte Family Housing, Crisis Assistance Ministries for Third Year**

We're excited to announce that we're teaming up with our current charities for a third straight year. Some may ask -- Why continue beyond our original two-year commitment? It's simple. We believe we're just hitting our stride in what we can do to combat homelessness in Charlotte -- and what better way to do that than through our partnership with Charlotte Family Housing and Crisis Assistance Ministry. The energy around our work keeps building, the involvement by our member companies keeps growing and the ideas on how we can help keep coming. Being at the forefront of the fight to end homelessness in Charlotte is the right thing to do -- especially now, when there's so much momentum around the issue in our region. Thanks to everyone in Community Matters for being part of this effort.

## **Leaders & Coordinators Meeting Kicks Off 2015 Activities**

Nearly 60 representatives of Community Matters companies gathered at the Olde Mecklenburg Brewery (OMB) on January 23 to kick off the new year for Community Matters.

Attendees heard about our line-up of activities for 2015, as we work to build on our success of the past three years. The Steering Committee provided a handout of sponsorship and donation opportunities (attached below) so that our member companies could begin planning how they want to support Community Matters this year. While we realize that all our members cannot give at the same level, we're challenging every company that can to give at least \$5,000 to our organization this year, either through a corporate donation or as sponsors of and participants in our five main events. Again, refer to the handout to see how you can get involved.



2015 Events.pdf

The meeting also outlined volunteer opportunities at our partner agencies -- like clothing drives and the Muffin Ministry at Crisis Assistance Ministry and shelter refurbishment and welcome buckets for Charlotte Family Housing. Check out all our opportunities in the [Volunteer section of our website](#). The site also includes a calendar to make it easy for you to sign up.

After wrapping up the meeting, we enjoyed some of the brewery beers during a Happy Hour get-together. It was a great way to catch up with colleagues and meet new members of Charlotte's insurance community. Thanks to everyone who attended.



Some of the attendees at this year's Leaders & Coordinators Meeting at the Olde Mecklenburg Brewery.