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Don't Forget To Take Advantage of Your Company's Matching Gifts for the Dodgeball Tourney

Let your company boost your impact in the fight to end homelessness in Charlotte. Many companies have a matching gift program; you give an amount and they donate the same. It's worth checking out in your own company. All you have to do is ask!

26 Teams Signed Up To Date

- **16 more spots remain! Tell your friends, colleagues...and even your competitors...to register their teams. It's friendly (but heated) competition for a good cause.**
- **Still leading in team fundraising is Adam Mathis' AmWINS Submission Impossible team with a big jump this week to \$2,935. Maybe it's the intracompany rival -- but moving up fast to second is Dave Statis' AmWINS Small Deductiballs team at \$2,480. Rounding out the top 3 is Geoff Amidon's Travelers Dodging Divas team, now at \$1,275.**
- **Swimmer Insurance's Matt Frazer remains #1 among individual fundraisers with a whopping \$2,115. Seems like selling advertising on his body is making a difference. Coming in 2nd and 3rd are the duo of Joel & Andrea of AmWINS at \$1,280 and Cameron Annas with the Granite Insurance Agency at \$780.**

Remember, some teams are just warming up on their fundraising so let's see where we stand next week. Just two more weeks to register your team -- only 16 spots remaining! Visit dodgeball.kintera.org or www.communitymatterscharlotte.org.

Let Us Hear About Your Dodgeball Team Fundraising Ideas

We know some of our teams are introducing innovative ideas to raise money for their teams. Check out the bake sale approach Submission Impossible is using below (and you wonder why they're leading the pack in fundraising.) Let us hear about your ideas so we can get them out to other companies to use. We all want to hit our \$75,000 goal.

THE ~~FIVE~~ SIX RULES OF DODGEBALL:

1) Dodge	4) Dive
2) Duck	5) Dodge
3) Dip	6) DEVOUR BAKED GOODS

BAKE SALE!
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY MATTERS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

When: Tuesday, March 25th from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Where: Marketing Conference Room (7th floor - Fairview Rd. Corner)

 As you may know, several AmWINS employees in Charlotte will be participating in the third annual Community Matters Dodgeball Tournament (raising funds to support the homeless in Charlotte), taking place April 11th at Sports Connection.

Stop by next Tuesday to help one of AmWINS' tournament teams, **Submission: Impossible**, raise donations (and in the process, snag some pretty tasty treats)!

Satisfy your midday sweet tooth and help a good cause!

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Arrowpoint Capital Kicks Off This Year's Corporate-Giving Campaign With a \$17,000 Donation to Community Matters

From Steering Committee Co-Chair Tom Lott, AmWINS:

We are so thankful to Arrowpoint Capital for their corporate donation of \$17,000. Arrowpoint Capital and their employees have played a huge part in helping us launch Community Matters and sustain our growth. Arrowpoint Capital has been our largest corporate sponsor and has also been one of our most active participants from the volunteering aspect.

"A Buck Matters" has been an important slogan used by Community Matters as every dollar is critical to helping us achieve our goal to provide meaningful financial aid for our two charity partners. By doing so, we can help prevent homelessness and assist those now homeless in building a path to financial stability and independence. Corporate donations are key to our fundraising success and we would greatly appreciate whatever corporate donations your firm could make – large or small.

Thanks again to all of you and your firms for helping us to make a meaningful difference in Charlotte.

Making a Difference Through Volunteering: The Crisis Assistance Ministry Furniture Bank

Tyler Mays (Cincinnati Insurance), Sean Snell (CorVel) and David Barfield (AmWINS) from Community Matters participated in a volunteer effort for Crisis Assistance Ministry's Furniture

Bank (FB) this past Friday. They joined with other Crisis Assistance Ministry volunteers and staff to unload two trailers' worth of essential furnishings from a hotel renovation into two Crisis Assistance trucks. The agency's mission is to provide assistance and advocacy for people in financial crisis, helping them move toward self-sufficiency. Community Matters partners with Crisis Assistance Ministry to make this happen.

The work was physically challenging, but you can see the smiles on their faces in the photo below that it was worth it! Sean said "I'm busy at work, but I've been looking for an opportunity to volunteer and help out in the community."

This important effort will provide 40 dressers and 80 night stands, along with coffee tables, side tables and chairs, for clients of Crisis Assistance Ministry's Furniture Bank. The Furniture Bank provides furniture free-of-charge to people recovering from financial crisis and moving out of shelters and into permanent housing. Having properly furnished homes means dignity for families. It also means that people can conserve their limited financial resources to pay for other essentials, such as housing expenses, food, child care, health care and transportation. So providing furniture to people in crisis helps them regain their financial stability!

Thank you Sean, Tyler and David for your efforts on behalf of Community Matters to make a difference in our community!



Volunteering at the Furniture Bank this past Friday were, front from left, Mark Barrino and Steven Massey, regular FB volunteers. In back, Avery McNeely, a regular FB volunteer; Sean Snell, CorVel; Tyler Mays, Cincinnati Insurance Company; and David Barfield, AmWINS.

Teen Program at the Crisis Assistance Ministry Free Store

Saturday morning, our Community Matters teen volunteers and families were a huge help at Crisis Assistance Ministry. With coffee in hand and smiles on faces, we began the morning by stocking the 'free store.' This store provides clothing, blankets, and home goods to the customers who 'shop' in the store. Next, we sorted and hung clothes to be distributed in the store. The energetic group was a huge help in the free store production. Our next event is on Sunday, April

6 from 1:45-5pm. We will be participating in the Charlotte Family Housing walk for awareness. Our teens will help with registration and running the field games, then later walk with the families and staff members of Charlotte Family Housing's shelters. This is a family event so we encourage teens to get involved and bring their family and friends. Please contact Andrea Neill (andrea.neill@amwins.com) for more information or if you would like to attend.



Front from left: Jackie Ruiz, Mia Ruiz, Angelis Mazariegos, Patricia Mazariegos, Andrea Neill, Mallorie Crutch, Rick Juraschek, Annie Juraschek, Catherine Atwood, Cecilia Atwood. Back from left: Anthony Lott, Tom Lott, Pete Miller.



Community Matters teens put clothes on hangers to get them ready for display in the Crisis Assistance Ministry Free Store.