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## Community Matters Hits Million Dollar Milestone Through Funds Raised at Dodgeball Tournament and Trivia Contest

We did it! Community Matters reached the “Million Dollar Milestone of Giving” at our 6th Annual Dodgeball Tournament Friday. Funds raised at the tournament, coupled with those brought in by the Trivia Contest the night before, totaled \$75,000 and pushed us to the million dollar mark.

Proceeds from this year's tournament go to our current charity partner, Charlotte Rescue Mission. But all four of our charities -- Safe Alliance from 2012-13 and Charlotte Family Housing and Crisis Assistance Ministry from 2014-16, in addition to Charlotte Rescue Mission -- were on-hand at a pre-tournament ceremony to recognize the milestone.

“When we began Community Matters five years ago, we never imagined that we would reach \$1,000,000 of giving in such a short time,” said Tom Lott, steering committee co-chair. “We believe this milestone is a testament to the generosity and caring of the insurance community in Charlotte, as well as to how well the work of our charity partners has resonated with our member companies.”

“We were excited to have all four charity partners attend this year's event,” added John Tighe, Community Matters board chairman. “We've learned so much about the needs in our community by working with these incredible organizations over the past five years. They are making such a huge difference in Charlotte – and we are pleased to be part of that.”

Both the Dodgeball Tournament and Trivia Contest were big hits, with heated competition. In dodgeball, Travelers' "Red Writers" took home first prize over Hull & Company and Peachtree Special Risks' "Two Words:Insurance" in a last-person standing battle. And in Trivia, AIG's "Ain't Nothing But An AIG Thing" eked out a win in a tie-breaker over Travelers' "I Thought This Was a Travel Agency."

The dodgeball uniform winner went to Marsh Madness, followed by Great American's Team GAPRIS.

“The competitive spirit is very strong in our industry,” said Angela Matherly, steering committee co-chair and tournament director. “But the spirit of cooperation is even stronger as we come together to tackle the problem of addiction. Making a difference in Charlotte is what Community Matters is all about.”

We'll announce our fundraising champs in the next newsletter.

Joining the Community Matters Steering Committee (photo below) to recognize our Million Dollar Milestone were the leaders of our four charity partners, seen holding the check: from left, Karen Parker,

Safe Alliance; Stephen Smith, Charlotte Family Housing; Tony Marciano, Charlotte Rescue Mission; and Carol Hardison, Crisis Assistance Ministry:



**The Winning Teams**



First place, dodgeball play: Travelers' Red Writers



Second place, dodgeball play: Hull & Company and Peachtree Special Risks' "Two Words: Insurance"



First place, dodgeball uniform: Marsh Madness