



Dodgeball Tournament Registration Begins Today, March 3

Put your teams together and sign up today for the Third Annual Dodgeball Tournament! Registration begins March 3, and runs through Friday, April 4.

Let's get the entire insurance community behind this event...either as players, volunteers or sponsors/donors. Our fundraising goal this year is \$75,000 -- that's a \$25,000 increase over last year. This 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 11, 11am 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.

WHEN DOES REGISTRATION CLOSE

Friday, April 4 (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!**

WHAT ARE THE LEVELS OF PLAY

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

ARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Absolutely, just complete the volunteer form, attached at the end of this newsletter and also available through the dodgeball website, and send it to Angela Matherly at amatherly@snyderslance.com.

ARE SPONSORS NEEDED

Absolutely. For information, contact Angela Matherly at 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.

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 New This Year - Power Players!

To keep the game fair, there will be no all-collegiate teams competing in the tournament this year, but make sure you stick around for the special collegiate exhibition match during the intermission.

However, if your team is in need of a POWER PLAYER(s), we have a solution for you! For a team donation of \$100, you can augment your team with a young, athletic collegiate power player. Please contact Angela Matherly for more details at amatherly@snyderslance.com.



Last year's top prize at the Dodgeball Tournament went to Belk's "Modern. Southern. Dodgeball" team.

Coming Soon – Yellow Brick Road, Charlotte Family Housing's Walk to Raise Awareness



Bring your family and friends to the annual Yellow Brick Road walk for Charlotte Family Housing. This walk supports working homeless families and is a great way for us to unite as a community. There will be face painting, field games, balloon animals, music, food, and a brisk 2.5 mile walk around the Plaza Midwood neighborhood.



When: Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 2-5pm

Where: Charlotte Family Housing's Plaza Place Shelter - 2410 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC

How: Register [here](#) under our team 'Community Matters'

NEED TEENAGERS (high school age) – Our teen program will help run this event. We need teens to assist in field games, manage registration, and assist in event organization. Teens need to arrive at 1:45. Please let Andrea Neill know if your teen is available (Andrea.Neill@amwins.com). Let our kids see how the insurance industry is making a difference.

A Special Treat: At this event we will be selling bottles of "Coleman's Bar-B-Que Sauce" and the proceeds will go to Community Matters. You won't want to miss out on this tasty treat that supports our goal to reduce the number of homeless families in Charlotte!

Fighting Homelessness with Bar-B-Que – Please watch this inspirational, short video about how a bottle of BBQ sauce is helping the fight against homelessness.

<http://www.wccbcharlotte.com/news/local/Fighting-Homelessness-Charlotte-Style-With-Bar-B-Que-117028013.html>

Making a Difference as a Community Matters Volunteer

Community Matters representatives Tom Lott (AmWINS), Dan Pliszka (City of Charlotte) and Tom Neely (Martin Marietta) recently pitched in to help Charlotte Family Housing with a project to move a single mom from the CFH shelter to a new home. They were assisted by one member from the Community Matters Teen Program. As Tom noted, "Sometimes we forget how lucky we are to have what we do. Today Dan and I, along with other friends, were honored to help move a single mom who was once homeless into her new home. We were all inspired by her mission to help create a better life for herself and her children and I can guarantee you that she gave more to us today than we gave to her."

The next week, Dan, Scott Mercer (McGriff, Seibels & Williams), Scott's son Charlie and Eugene Coleman (a friend of the Mercer family and namesake of Coleman's Bar-B-Que Sauce) went

back to help the family get settled into their new home. The team painted cabinets, installed window treatments, fixed a dryer connection, attached a headboard, hung pictures and planned the installation of a privacy fence. There is more work to be done and the team plans to return soon. Contact Dan (dpliszka@ci.charlotte.nc.us) if you'd like to join them.

Thanks Tom, Dan, Scott and the other volunteers. And if you'd like to become a volunteer with one or both of our current partner agencies - Crisis Assistance Ministry and Charlotte Family Housing - check out the opportunities on the attached form. Instructions on how to volunteer are also included.



Tom Neely, Dan Pliszka and Tom Lott pitching in at Charlotte Family Housing.



Dodge Ball Volunteer Form.pdf



2014 Agency Volunteer Opportunities.pdf