



Party with a Purpose: Mac's Speed Shop Hosts Insurance Fundraiser on May 31

Bring Family, Friends and Co-Workers to an Afternoon of BBQ, Beer and Music

Community Matters will host a summertime kickoff fundraiser (garage party) at Mac's Southend party shack on South Blvd. -- better known as Sideburnz Garage -- on Saturday afternoon, May 31, from 3 to 6 p.m. The Party with a Purpose will include BBQ, beer and music from the rocking and swaggering Holdouts! (Check out their [Facebook page here.](#))

There will be samplings of smoked meats being served right off of Mac's competition smoker, better known at the Hogzilla. All meats will be prepared featuring EC's Home BBQ Sauce which we will also be selling at the event. All profits from the sale of the sauce will also go to Charlotte Family Housing and Crisis Assistance Ministry in support of our cause. Local craft beers will be provided as part of your admission to round out our BBQ, Beer and Band Summer Kickoff Garage Party!

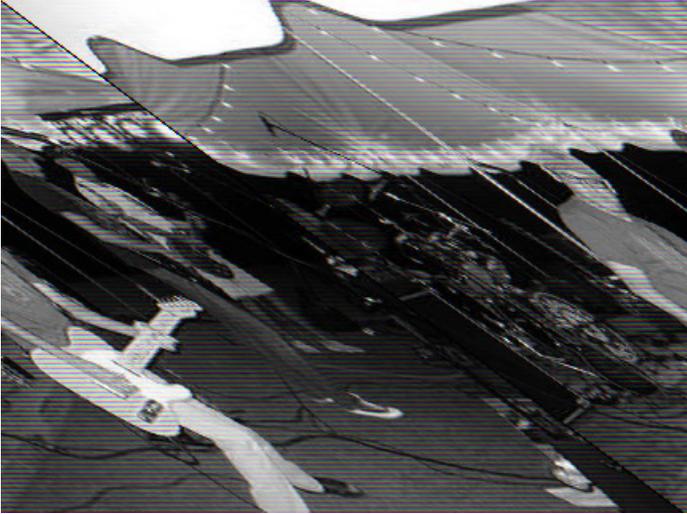
With the Holdouts donating their time, local breweries donating the beer and Mac's providing the BBQ samples on a cost basis, the Party with a Purpose promises to be a whopping fundraiser for Community Matters!

In case you're wondering about EC's Home BBQ Sauce, check out this News 14 story -- "[Man Creates Barbecue Sauce to Fight Homelessness](#)" -- to learn more. It's an inspirational story about a great product that not only tastes terrific, but is making a difference in our community.

Put the Party with a Purpose on your calendar, rain or shine. Only \$50 per person. Friends, family and co-workers are welcome. And if you're willing to volunteer an hour during the party to help us out with ticket-taking and other set-up, contact Scott Mercer at SMercer@McGriff.com.

An email blast through which you can buy advance tickets will be sent out later today.

Look forward to seeing Community Matters pack Mac's South End on May 31!



Jamming with the Holdouts at Mac's Southend



Sales from EC's Home BBQ Sauce will go toward fighting homelessness in Charlotte

Golf Tournament Registration Begins Monday, May 19

Get ready to swing into action at the First Annual Community Matters Golf Tournament on Monday, July 21, at the Pine Lake Country Club in Charlotte. 104 golfers will be taking part in the Captain's Choice event with entry fee just \$100 per person/\$400 per team, including cart, continental breakfast and lunch. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, longest putt, closest-to-the-pin, hole-in-one and more. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Registration begins Monday, May 19 at <http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/25921-CommunityMatters>

Note: Two registration options will be available through the website -- Paypal or Invoice for check payment. Community Matters accepts both, but prefers the invoice option to keep our Paypal charge fee as low as possible.

Volunteer Calendar Now Available Through the Community Matters Website: Sign Up Now!

Thanks to all those of you who have already volunteered with our 2014-15 partners - Charlotte Family Housing and Crisis Assistance Ministry. There are numerous ways to help as individuals and groups, with many opportunities tied to the monthly agency themes taking place throughout the year, e.g., Cleaning Supplies Month in May and Back-to-School Month in August.

We're pleased to announce the publication of three links on our Community Matters website to help you learn more about and sign up for volunteer activities at our partner agencies: a volunteer calendar, a volunteer form and a list of possible activities. Our calendar provides up-to-date information on the status of volunteer opportunities suggested by the agencies. It also allows you to enter activities based on ideas generated by your own company. And the calendar enables you to see at a glance what is going on across Community Matters so you can possibly partner with other groups on an activity.

Check out the list of volunteer activities provided for a succinct overview of current volunteer needs. And -- whatever you decide to do -- make sure you complete the form to help Community Matters stay up-to-date on your plans.

For more information and to view these links, [click here](#) -- or go to www.communitymatterscharlotte.org and click "Volunteer" in the left nav.

More than 100 Liberty Mutual Employees Volunteer at Crisis Assistance Ministry

During its annual "Serve With Liberty" week, over 100 employees from Liberty Mutual volunteered at Crisis Assistance Ministry. Employees from various Liberty offices spanning the Charlotte metro area came together the week of May 5th to donate their time at Crisis Assistance Ministry's Free Store, as well as its Furniture Store.

Liberty Mutual's Ballantyne offices are holding a household item supply drive the week of May 19th, and will donate all items received to Crisis Assistance Ministry.





Two of the Liberty Mutual teams at Crisis Assistance Ministry

AIG Is Making a Difference for Community Matters

AIG once again came through on "Dodgeball Eve" with a terrific pre-tournament reception for players and volunteers at this year's event. But that's not the only way the company's Carolinas Territory supported the event. The Charlotte and Atlanta Offices donated to the AIG Dodge Ball Team, held a Chick-fil-A lunch in Atlanta, and held employee raffles in both offices to raise money to support Crisis Assistance Ministry and Charlotte Family Housing. While fundraising is ongoing (still), the money raised in the offices, in combination with AIG Matching Grants and monies raised at the AIG Pre-Dodge Ball Reception, the company estimates the total amount raised thus far at \$6,400! AIG also collected an estimated 200 teen and children's books for Charlotte Family Housing from employees and reception attendees. Thanks to all who donated.



AIG's (from left) Schuyler Reardon, Stephanie Alviani, Brian Estle, Vonni Davis and Karen Wilder at the AIG Pre-Dodge Ball Reception held at Taco Mac.