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100 Days of Meals Starts June 1 -- And We Need Your Help!

Community Matters member companies are taking part this summer in "100 Days of Meals," a program through which our organization will provide dinner for Safe Alliance's domestic violence shelter every night from June 1 - September 8.

We need your company, department, team, family or other group to sign up for one evening. We're committed to serving the evening meal each night through summer. You can:

- purchase the groceries and prepare the meal in the shelter kitchen
- purchase an already-cooked dinner from a restaurant or caterer
- provide funds to sponsor a meal.

To sign up, please access our [100 Days of Meals calendar](#) -- you'll need to register on the Meal Train system, but that takes just a minute. Then simply book your date, enter your meal (e.g., meat and vegetables) and the name of your group (company name plus department or team as appropriate). If possible, we ask that you not duplicate the content of the other meals already scheduled around your date. Note: If you don't currently know what your meal will be, please enter TBD -- but come back and update it later.

Dinner is from 5-6:30pm so plan to arrive accordingly. Plan to prepare dinner for 40-50 people, but you can email Victoria Robinson at Victoria.Robinson@safealliance.org the day before for a more specific number. She also needs the names of the participants in your group, which may range in size from 4-10 people.

Feel free to contact Angela Matherly at AMatherly@snyderslance.com with questions or for further details. Thank you for taking part in this incredibly worthwhile effort.

Get on the 100 Days of Meals calendar soon -- 9 days this summer are already taken!

Welcome to our Newest Member Companies

We're excited that our membership has now hit 58 companies/organizations, with two additional groups signing up last week. Please welcome Hays Companies of Charlotte and Hull & Company to the Community Matters family. And congratulations and thanks to Kevin Wintermute of Willis' Human Capital Practice for joining our CM Steering Committee.

It doesn't take much to sign on as a member company -- just an OK from your organization to list its name on our website, and a willingness to jump headfirst into CM activities. So if you know of any others who might like to join, send us their names and we'll give them a call.

Marsh Donates Plants to Shelter



With the move of their Charlotte office just weeks away, the staff at Marsh needed to find a new home for the many plants that had graced their office for years. They contacted Safe Alliance to see if the new domestic violence shelter would be interested in the plants. The shelter staff was thrilled to have them, so the Marsh team delivered two carloads and one pick-up truckload of beautiful plants, which are now brightening up the shelter. Thanks to Marsh for its generous donation.

Zenith Insurance Company Hosts Pizza Party as part of Supply Drive



Zenith Insurance Company held a pizza party in March to collect supplies for the Safe Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter. Employees donated supplies from the shelter wish list or money toward purchasing supplies in exchange for lunch. During the party, there was a five-minute presentation to describe to staff the services Safe Alliance provides. About \$400 worth of supplies were delivered to the shelter at the end of the month.

Community Matters Teen Program About To Get Under Way

One of our major initiatives for 2013 is to add a teen program to Community Matters. This is a way to get teenage family members of those employees and organizations involved in Community Matters. The teens will participate in projects to help the Safe Alliance Shelter, clean some of our local parks and help raise money. Teens who are involved in these projects will become “student members” and be able to put this down on their transcripts. If you or your company has an interest in participating in the program and/or participating on our committee, please email tom.lott@amwins.com.