

MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
IN CHARLOTTE  
ONE CAUSE  
AT A TIME



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## Community Matters Presents \$180,000 Check to Charlotte Rescue Mission

### Celebration Dinner Raises \$85,000

Community Matters presented a check for \$180,000 to Charlotte Rescue Mission, our current charity partner, at our 6th Annual Celebration Dinner November 6.

That brings our six-year contribution total to more than \$1,100,000 -- an amazing accomplishment! Our former charity recipients were Safe Alliance in 2012-13 and Charlotte Family Housing and Crisis Assistance Ministry in 2014-16.

"Thanks to all of you for your tremendous outpouring of love and support to the residents of Charlotte Rescue Mission," said Executive Director Tony Marciano. "People arrive at CRM broken and without hope. They leave with dreams and life plans -- ready to give back to their friends, family, community and, most importantly, themselves. Community Matters is helping to make that happen."

Thanks again to our gold and silver sponsors for the dinner. Gold sponsors were AmWINS and Arrowpoint Capital, while silver sponsors were CNA, Marsh & McLennan Agency and Marsh, Inc., Travelers, and United Healthcare. The dinner raised \$85,000 toward our overall total.

Pictured below is the check presentation by the Community Matters Steering Committee to CRM's Tony Marciano, Kristin Kelly Blinson and Christy Baker. For more photos of the event, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/communitymatterscharlotte>. Thanks to photographer Dan Pliszka for coming through yet again!



## Liberty Mutual, Arrowpoint Capital Contribute Thanksgiving Dinners to CRM

Hats off to Liberty Mutual's Sales and Distribution Team and Arrowpoint Capital's Finance Department for contributing dinner boxes to Charlotte Rescue Mission's annual Thanksgiving Food Box Drive.

The drive gives low-income families in Charlotte all the fixings they need to cook a Thanksgiving meal at home. The actual frozen turkey is provided by the Rescue Mission.

Liberty Mutual donated 40 boxes to the Thanksgiving drive, while Arrowpoint Capital contributed 17. Overall, CRM expects to provide over 4,000 dinner boxes and turkeys to families this year, more than double the number last year.

"Packing these food boxes does more than allow another family in Charlotte to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal," said CRM Executive Director Tony Marciano in a statement. "It creates an opportunity for a family to sit around their table to make memories that last a lifetime."



Liberty Mutual's Rick Juraschek and Chuck Chronis load dinner boxes for CRM

## Zenith Insurance Company Serves Meals at CRM as part of National Customer Service Week

Zenith Insurance Company's Southeast Regional Office participated in National Customer Service Week in October. The theme was *Building Trust*, recognizing the importance of trust in forming strong, productive, and lasting relationships with customers and co-workers.

"A famous quote most are familiar with is, 'trust takes years to build, seconds to break, forever to repair,'" said Zenith's Michelle Bissinger, a Community Matters Steering Committee member. "Part of the mission at Charlotte Rescue Mission is to help people struggling with the disease of addiction restore and build healthy relationships -- building back trust where it might have been broken. Through our contributions and volunteering, Community Matters is playing a role in that mission."

Zenith served both a lunch and a dinner during the week. Thanks for making that happen.

If you're interested in volunteering at CRM, visit the volunteer page on the Community Matters website at <http://www.communitymatterscharlotte.org/volunteer.html>. If you have any questions, contact Christy Baker at [christy.baker@charlotterescuemission.org](mailto:christy.baker@charlotterescuemission.org). Please be sure to identify yourself with the Community Matters group in the online system so that we can capture your volunteer hours. And send us your photos so we can feature you in a future newsletter!



The Zenith lunch crew...



...and dinner crew