

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN CHARLOTTE
ONE CAUSE
AT A TIME



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Big Push for Third Annual Celebration Dinner Nov. 10 Last Major Fundraiser of 2014

Plans for our Third Annual Celebration Dinner are coming together and it promises to be another extraordinary event! The dinner will be held this year on Monday, November 10 at the Club at Longview. Our silent auction is again on tap, with great prizes going to the highest bidders.

But to ensure the dinner is the biggest success possible, we need each of you to step up to sponsor a table or purchase seats. We'd love to see every Community Matters member company participate -- that could push us up to and over our \$200,000 goal. To date, we have commitments from Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Travelers, Sompo Japan Nipponkoa America, Snyder's-Lance, Lockton Companies, Ironshore Insurance Services, The Hartford, Arrowpoint Capital, Aon, AmWINS and AIG.

Seats are \$250 apiece. But we also encourage you to sponsor a table of 10 and invite your customers, business partners and employees as guests. All proceeds above the cost of the event will go toward Community Matters' support of our partners' work to end homelessness. Sponsorships are available at three levels:

- Platinum \$25,000
- Gold \$10,000
- Silver \$ 5,000

We hope that you will consider a sponsorship. Last year, the dinner was one of our most successful fundraising events, and we need your support to reach our \$200,000 goal. To sponsor a table or purchase tickets, email kedar.bryan@arrowpointcap.com with your level of sponsorship.

Supplies Needed for Charlotte Family Housing

Charlotte Family Housing (CFH) is asking for our help. The volunteer room at CFH's Hawthorne Place Shelter needs new linens and pillows so that our volunteers will have a comfortable place to spend the night. Twin-sized bed-in-a-bag would be perfect. In addition, the Hawthorne Place kitchen needs silverware donated -- forks, spoons and butter knives to use at mealtimes and throughout the day. To donate, contact Tammy Medlin at 704.335.5488 or

TMedlock@CharlotteFamilyHousing.org, <http://www.charlottefamilyhousing.org/>

Also, CFH is still looking for items for their welcome baskets. When families enter CFH shelters, they are provided with a welcome basket that includes basic living essentials. The families are looking for a fresh start so CFH asks for new items only! See the attached list for items needed. We also ask to you complete the attached Volunteer Form so we can track who responds.



welcome basket.pdf

Matters Volunteer Interest Form.pdf



Community

Charlotte Insurance Women's Group Volunteers at Crisis Assistance Ministry

Charlotte's WEB (Women Empowering in Business), a group of insurance industry professional women, recently volunteered at the Crisis Assistance Ministry Free Store, sorting and hanging clothes. Various group members also made personal donations of clothing, while Marsh and Mercer representatives delivered 28 school uniforms along with money collected from their Dollars for Denim campaign (paid by employees to wear jeans on Fridays). The uniforms were immediately rushed to the Free Store as the need was so urgent. At the end of two hours, only four uniform shirts remained! The Marsh and Mercer reps were able to buy four more shirts, which were dropped off later, along with some donated clothes from two colleagues.

"It continues to amaze me, just how much joy I get out of volunteering at the Free Store," said Karen Wilder of AIG. "The upbeat, positive attitude of the employees and other volunteers is so infectious, you can't help but be uplifted and have fun!" Thanks to everyone in Charlotte's WEB who donated money, clothing and time.



Members at the store included, from left, Paula Henry, Marsh; Karen Wilder, AIG; Chrislee Gibson, City of Charlotte; Elizabeth Harvey, AIG; Patricia Poidomani, Compass Group; Vonni Davis, AIG; and Melora Huffman, Marsh.

Even though school has started the need for uniforms is still great. If you would like to donate, please contact Tanise Avington of Crisis Assistance Ministry at 704-620-4526 to learn the styles and colors most desired.

Company Activities: Arrowpoint Capital, AmWINS

Arrowpoint Capital held its third annual silent auction this fall in support of Community Matters -- bringing in more than \$5,300! Most of the company's business units and functions put together themed baskets for the event (e.g., a Panthers basket, a reading basket, etc.) while other donations for auction included Panthers tickets, Yankees tickets, dinner on the town, wine and plenty of home-made baked goods. Fierce bidding continued until the very end of the two-day auction. Thanks to everyone at Arrowpoint for making this event such a big success.



AmWINS recently held its annual Day of Service when employees contribute their time and talents to help worthwhile charities. This year, the company focused in part on Crisis Assistance Ministry. Thanks to AmWINS employees for their work at that organization's free store, helping to sort clothes and stock shelves for local families in need. Check out the video on AmWINS Day of Service below.

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