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September 29, 2015

'Party with a Purpose' Rescheduled for Thursday, Oct. 29

The Ultimate Pre-Halloween Happy Hour

It's still raining in Charlotte -- but there's a light at the end of the tunnel, thanks to the rescheduling of our Second Annual Party with a Purpose! Our ultimate Happy Hour is now set for Thursday, Oct. 29 -- a perfect kick-off to Halloween weekend. Everything else remains the same -- delicious BBQ, cold beer and music from the fabulous Holdouts. If you have tickets, they're still good. And if you don't have tickets, but can make the new date, they're still available at bit.ly/communitymatters.

Party with a Purpose promises to be a great time! And all for a good cause, with proceeds going to the fight to end homelessness in Charlotte through our partnership with Charlotte Family Housing and Crisis Assistance Ministry.

Thanks again to AIG and Interstate Restoration for serving as sponsors.

To purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/communitymatters. Hope to see you there.

AIG, Zenith Insurance Company Donate 30 Bags of Clothes for Crisis Assistance Ministry Uniform Drive

A big thank you to AIG and Zenith Insurance Company for taking the lead on September's Uniform Drive for Crisis Assistance Ministry (CAM). The drive collected school uniforms (and other clothes) for children and teenagers who can't afford them. A special word of appreciation goes to Community Matters Steering Committee member Michelle Bissinger, who picked up the clothes and delivered them to CAM on a wet, windy Friday afternoon. Great job!



CAM Volunteer Coordinator Karla Emery with uniform and clothing donations from AIG and Zenith Insurance Company.

Liberty Mutual, CM Steering Committee Provide Dinners for Charlotte Family Housing

Each month, Charlotte Family Housing needs meals prepared and/or delivered on those nights when residents are taking classes (see last article). This week, volunteers from Liberty Mutual stepped up and prepared a lasagna and salad dinner for the residents of the Plaza Place Shelter. The team also solicited donations from the company's Ballantyne offices to supply six welcome baskets with pots and pans, bedding and other essentials. Way to go, Liberty Mutual.

In addition, the members of the Community Matters Steering Committee chipped in to provide residents at the Hawthorne Place Shelter with a taco bar dinner from Salsarita's. It was a big hit!



Liberty Mutual volunteers at Charlotte Family Housing were, front from left, Michelle Smith, Shanay Lewis and Amari Lewis. Back, from left, Megan Reed, Pete Miller, Rick Juraschek and Jerronda King.

Snyder's-Lance Moves Mattresses for Crisis Assistance Ministry

Andrew Chapin and Tyler McNeil of Snyder's-Lance came to the rescue of Crisis Assistance Ministry last month. The agency received a large amount of furniture from the Aloft Charlotte Ballantyne Hotel, but needed help -- urgently -- to move the mattresses and other items from the hotel to its trucks. Snyder's-Lance answered the call and Andrew and Tyler loaded up the furniture. "Thanks in part to the help of Snyder's-Lance, we were able to supply much needed furniture to families in need across Charlotte," said Volunteer Manager Corrina Kirby.

Volunteer Needs for October

Crisis Assistance Ministry

- **Relocation Assistance** (teams of 5-10 to load, transport and unload donated furniture for families moving out of homeless shelters and into stable housing): October 15 or 16 from 1-4 p.m.
- **Free Store Assistance** (up to 30 volunteers to sort and inspect donations, stock the Free Store and assist as needed): October 2, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; October 13, 9-11 a.m.; October 21, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- **Breakfast or Lunch Ministry** (2-15 volunteers to provide food and beverage for customers in line for services): Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. or 8:30 a.m and lunch at noon
- **Donations:** Current most-needed items are men's clothing, plus-size and maternity clothing, work boots, linens, and pots & pans

Charlotte Family Housing

- **Assistance during Wellness Classes** (meal plus childcare for 16 adults and 5-9 children; 2 volunteers for childcare): October 7 and 14, 6-8:30 p.m.
- **Yard Clean-up and Leaf Removal at Plaza Place Shelter:** October 10 and 30
- **Answer Phone and Door at Elizabeth House Shelter** (while the resident advisor is in class): October 5, 5:45-8:30 p.m.
- **Donations:** Current need for twin and full-size comforters and sheet sets.

If you are able to fulfill an opportunity, please contact the partner directly with a copy to Karen.wilder@aig.com.

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