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## Dodgeball Fundraising Passes \$28,000

Wow! The Dodgeball Tournament is already ahead of the terrific pace we set last year, both in registration and fundraising. In the latter area, we're at \$28,650 -- an amazing total that's well over a third of the way to our \$65,000 goal. But we need to keep that momentum going. Remember, our challenge is for each team to raise at least \$1,500 and each player at least \$175.

To support a team or participant, visit [dodgeball.kintera.org](http://dodgeball.kintera.org) or [www.communitymatterscharlotte.org](http://www.communitymatterscharlotte.org).

Currently leading the pack among all teams are:

- AmWINS Submission Impossible - \$3,815
- AmWINS Can't Dodge This - \$1,755
- AIG All Blacks - \$1,650
- Snyder's-Lance Salty Dodgers - \$1,530
- Hedrick Gardner/CorVel Motion to Strike - \$1,370

Among individuals, Willis' Mark Goode is the first to pass the \$1,000 mark as an individual, reaching \$1,205. The AmWINS team of Joel Davis and Andrea Neill is the runner-up with \$830 each for a combined duo total of \$1,660. Rounding out the top 5 are Travelers' Laury Auman and Hedrick Gardner's Samuel Barker at \$805 and \$735, respectively.

Remember, the purpose of this event is to help raise awareness and money for our two charity partners: Crisis Assistance Ministry and Charlotte Family Housing. Any tie-breakers or wildcard spots will go to the team that has raised the most money. (This is a new rule for the 2015 competition.)

### Volunteers Still Needed

If dodgeball is not for you, be a volunteer at the event. We need volunteers for set-up, refereeing, shuttle driving, the cornhole contest and more. Sign up by April 3 and get a free Community Matters T-Shirt. To sign up, complete the volunteer form by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Matherly at [amatherly@snyderslance.com](mailto:amatherly@snyderslance.com).

## Dodgeball Corporate Sponsorships Reach More Than \$10,000

Our tournament wouldn't be possible without our numerous corporate sponsors. Thanks to this group of generous donors, we've raised an additional \$10,120 for the tournament. And that doesn't include those sponsors who are making food, product or in-kind donations.

Sponsoring companies to date are ACE; AIG; Access On Time; Align Networks; AmWINS; Aon; Arrowpoint Capital; Belk; Coca-Cola Bottling Co.; CorVel; Emerson Software Solutions; Franco Signor;

Hedrick Gardner; Hendrick BMW; Interstate Restoration; Litaker Insurance; Marsh; McGriff, Seibels & Williams; myMatrixx; Navigant; Slo' Pokin' BBQ; Southern Rehab Network; Snyder's-Lance; and The Zenith Insurance Company.

## You're Invited! AIG to Host Pre-Dodgeball Fundraising Reception at Taco Mac!

AIG is hosting its Annual Pre-Dodgeball Tournament Fundraising Reception at Taco Mac on Thursday, April 16 from 5-7pm and you are invited! Come and relax while you check out some of the teams that will be playing in the tournament the next day, purchase raffle tickets for **prizes including Panthers Tickets** and enjoy the company of fellow community-minded people -- all while raising money to benefit Charlotte Family Housing and Crisis Assistance Ministry!

Last year, in addition to funds raised, we collected over 300 books and movies for Charlotte Family Housing's three shelters. This year, we are collecting NEW children's outdoor activity items such as packages of sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, hula-hoops, and balls of all sorts: softballs, basketballs, footballs, dodgeballs, and soccer balls! **For every outdoor fun item you bring to the reception, you will receive one raffle ticket and can purchase more for \$5 each!**

**What:** Fundraising Raffle, Outdoor Activity Drive and Networking!

**When:** Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm

**Where:** Taco Mac SouthPark (Piedmont Town Center), Upper Level, 4625 Piedmont Row Drive, Charlotte, 28210

This is a Not-to-be-Missed-Event! Please RSVP to Karen Wilder at [Karen.Wilder@aig.com](mailto:Karen.Wilder@aig.com) prior to COB on Friday, April 10th

## April Volunteer Activities at Charlotte Family Housing

Following are Sunday opportunities for volunteers during classes offered by social workers. These classes are for families currently living in housing. The parents attend classes and the volunteers will help provide childcare. Specifically, needs are:

- **Childcare** for 10-15 children (1 enfant).
- **Snacks** for 20-25 people. This could be a fruit and cheese plate, sub sandwiches, pizza or anything you would like. Please include paper products and water bottles, juices or drinks.

Dates are:

- **April 12:** Myers Park United Methodist Church from 3:45-6:15 (1501 Queens Road)
- **April 19:** Plaza Place from 3:45-6:15 (2410 The Plaza)
- **April 26:** Myers Park United Methodist Church from 3:45-6:15 (1501 Queens Rd)
- **May 3:** Myers Park United Methodist Church from 3:45-6:15 (1501 Queens Rd)

## Teen Program Update - Hawthorne Place Extreme Makeover by Teen Advisor Andrea Neill, AmWINS

Thanks to all teenagers and parents who were able to help with our Extreme Makeover – Hawthorne Place Project. The shelter is completely remodeled and looks amazing!! For those who had time conflicts and weren't able to make it, we look forward to working together on our next project.



Teens participating in the Hawthorne Place Extreme Makeover included Anthony Lott, Alexa Ramirez, Ceci Atwood, Jacob Bowyer, Ben Gill, Jackson Gill, and Taylor Blythe

As a recap - A couple of weeks ago our teens and families were in charge of painting the common area of the shelter. They were so efficient that we decided to keep moving down the hallway as well. The bright blue color we painted is very welcoming and the families are loving it already. But it didn't stop there, our volunteer group was on the move all day. Not only did they take on the common room and hallway, they helped move the old furniture out of the shelter, followed by bringing the new furniture in.

We worked hard all day, but it was beyond worth it. The families have moved back into the Hawthorne Place Shelter and are raving about the remodel. I mean, could you imagine being in their shoes? They are mostly single moms with young children having the opportunity to move off the streets and into their temporary home at the shelter. The shelter is now warm and welcoming - ready to take on changing the lives of these families. Each of our teens played a huge part in the process. If you are the parent of one of Community Matters Teen Program members and we do not have your son / daughter's email address, please share these pictures and a huge thanks.

Please contact Andrea Neill at [andrea.neill@amwins.com](mailto:andrea.neill@amwins.com) if you would like more information on the Teen Program.

Areas where the teens worked:

