



Cancer Resource Centre

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**DEPARTMENTS BATTLE ON BALLFIELD
PROCEEDS BENEFIT
CANCER RESOURCE CENTRE IN MUNSTER**

MUNSTER – Red squared off against blue as the Munster Police and Fire departments took to the ball field and played in a charitable softball game. The friendly competition took place Sunday, May 19 at Community Park and benefited the Cancer Resource Centre in Munster.

The Resource Centre is a program of the Community Cancer Research Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of cancer care in northwest Indiana and the south Chicago suburbs. All services of the Cancer Resource Centre – support groups, mind-body-spirit classes, educational offerings and a resource library - are offered free of charge to those in need.

According to Officer James Ghrist, Choice Community Council came up with the idea and because it was created as a local event, wanted to be able to designate the proceeds to a local non-profit.

“We all know lots of people touched by cancer,” Ghrist said, “and found a way to make a difference in our own community. Our first game was very successful – we sold more than 300 tickets and combined with the proceeds of the 50/50 raffle, were able to present a check for more than \$1,600 to the Cancer Resource Centre in Munster.”

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Blue came out on top and has bragging rights for now, Ghrist said. “We had fun, the perfect weather and a nice crowd came out to cheer us on. We’ve already been talking about how we could expand on our efforts next year,” he said.

A check in the amount of \$1,600 is presented to Anthony Andello, director, Cancer Resource Centre (center, right holding check) on behalf of both departments by Officer James Ghrist (center, left holding check). Police department officers who participated in the softball game are (from left to right) Officer Brian Hernandez (with Django), Officer David Foulkes, Officer Tim Nosich, Officer Brett Scheffel, Officer Marc Cochran, Sergeant Daymon Johnson, Sergeant John Peirick, Officer Thomas Uzsakow, Sergeant Tom Kuhlenschmidt, Officer Erik Holloway and Lieutenant Ed Strbjak.

Members of the Munster Fire department are (from left, center to right) Brian Scheffel, David Strbjak, Matt Kooy, Mike Harrigan, Chief Jim Knesek, Mark Kunas, Bryan Carr, Zack Kosenka, Mark Everette, Bryan Chovanec, Jose Serrano and Frank Sikora.

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