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Hits for the Homeless

Range Resources and City Mission Partner for Residents

On Tuesday, August 6 at Wild Things Park in Washington, City Mission residents will square off in the second annual charity softball game against Range Resources employees. First pitch is scheduled for 2:55pm, and the game will be followed by the Washington Wild Things versus the Joliet Slammers at 7:05pm.

Last year's first annual game was a fun and memorable time for everyone. "This softball game means a lot to our residents," said Steve Nicholas, City Mission's Director of Human Resources and Administration and the co-manager for the City Mission team. "It's a time that everyone looks forward to and looks back on in a positive and happy way."

"The most memorable part of the first annual game happened after the game actually ended," added Christina Kramer, Community Relations Specialist for Range Resources. "We were all having such a great time, that both teams decided to stick around and play extra pick-up games until the sun went down."

Range Resources came up with the idea for the game last year and put everything in motion to make it happen. "We are always coming up with unique ways to partner with our nonprofit partners," Kramer said. "City Mission provides a much-needed service to those in need right here in Washington County. The softball game provides a way for us to donate and raise money for the organization, while also creating special memories with the City Mission staff and residents."

Last year's game raised \$5,500 for City Mission, but more than that, it raised the spirits of the residents and created lasting memories.

"It gives our residents a sense of normalcy," Nicholas said. "Life in a homeless shelter trying to recover is extremely hard, but going out as a group to have fun, be successful, and play a game is a very normal part of summer. It's a time for residents to enjoy and not worry about past or present shame, guilt, or regret."

This year will be unique, because the Washington Wild Things will host the game at Wild Things Park. Your ticket purchase is good for both the charity game as well as the Wild Things game later that night, and net proceeds from the ticket sales will support the life-changing programs at City Mission. "I think we're most excited to add the Wild Things into this wonderful partnership," explained Kramer. "We're excited to play on their beautiful ballfield and feel like professional ball players."

Nicholas summed it all up. "Even though Range Resources is our opposition during the game, they've been a blessing of a teammate."

You can purchase tickets for both games by visiting the links below.

<https://groupmatics.events/event/HitsForTheHomeless>

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Who: Range Resources and City Mission

Where: Wild Things Park

1 Washington Federal Way,
Washington, PA 15301

When: Tuesday August 6

2:55pm for Range Resources vs City Mission

7:05pm for Wild Things vs Slammers

About City Mission: For over 75 years, City Mission has sheltered, healed, and restored the homeless to independent living—without discrimination. City Mission’s comprehensive program addresses both short-term needs like food and shelter, and long-term needs, including drug and alcohol counseling, mental health and medical treatment, legal aid, and employment training. City Mission’s goal is to help each man, woman, mother with children, or veteran who walks through our doors to become a healthy, productive member of society. With your help, we can help our residents renew their lives.