



CHICAGO SPIRIT BRIGADE

CSB Monthly Star

Your exclusive update on Chicago Spirit Brigade's events, news, and stars!

Have you missed our Monthly Star? We've had a very busy beginning to 2009 with some major changes, but fear not. We hope to be back on track with our newsletter reaching your inboxes on a regular basis again!

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Big Bang 2009 a HUGE Success!

We'd like to send out another round of THANK YOU's to everyone who supported us at our anniversary party and fundraiser, Big Bang. This year's event was bigger and better than ever, and it is all thanks to your continued support. If you missed out, we hope to have some video linked to our website very soon. Preparations are already underway for Big Bang 2010, so keep your last two Saturday's in January free until we secure the date!

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The Spirit Stork delivers!

No, not a baby, but a Dance Team and a Drill Team!!! Since our inception, we have always envisioned that our 'brigade' would encompass Cheerleading, Dance and Drill units. After many years of hard work getting the organization off the ground and stabilized, 2009 has now seen that vision come to fruition. Be on the look out for our entertaining and talented new groups as they join with the cheerleaders to bring you a full-on Spirit Extravaganza!



Spring has sprung and CSB's STARS are shining.

We've been diligently working on new material for another exciting summer's worth of performances. We made our 2009 debut appearance at the [Chicago Force](#) home opener against Wisconsin as they

remained undefeated for the year so far. You can find all of our planned upcoming performances by visiting our [Calendar page](#). We hope to see you at many of them!!



Calling all VOLUNTEERS!

The Chicago Pride Parade is just around the corner and we have begun to solicit volunteers who would like to participate with our contingent in the parade. The date is Sunday, June 28th. We need plenty of help with carrying our banner, safety monitors, collecting donations, passing out fliers, water bearers and more. It's an amazing experience and we can't get through the parade without our wonderful volunteers. We are also looking for someone that might have a LARGE pickup truck and that would be interested in volunteering to drive it in the parade to carry our sound-system. If you or someone you know would like to participate in any of the above, please reach out to us at Info@chicagospiritbrigade.org and we will contact you in the very near future with details.



Founder's Farewell

After nearly 11 years of community based cheerleading, 7 right here in Chicago, CSB's founder - Richard Flack announced his retirement from cheerleading. For a variety of personal reasons he will be moving to Dallas, Tx. in May where he will continue pursuit of his teaching credentials in Spanish and ESL/Bilingual Education. Replacing him as President of the Board of Directors will be Mary LaPierre. Mary is now in her fourth season with the team and has been serving on the board for the past two. Mary is a talented and driven young woman with an acute business acumen and keen understanding of the workings and mission of our organization. Along with Shane Isaacson (5th season- 5th year as Treasurer) and Teo Limosnero (6th season-5th year as Secretary) she will insure that the administration of our organization will carry on without missing a beat.

I would like to personally thank everyone that has supported us throughout my tenure with CSB and my hope is that you will continue to do so long after I have left. I founded the organization because I believed that there was a need for something unique, light-hearted and fun that could brighten and add cheer to our community, if only for 15 minutes of performance time, and at the same time make an impact upon the lives of people in need.

I've long spouted the tenet 'It takes a community to support a community.' Whether you have supported us as a performer or a volunteer, or have attended an event and dropped a quarter in the Spirit Bucket, or you have simply passed along our message to someone new, you have joined in supporting the mission of the team and thereby have supported the community at large. And for that, again, you deserve many thanks. For if we don't take it upon ourselves to do it, who will?

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve Chicago and the surrounding communities. Though I still have a couple of weeks remaining here, I am already missing you. I look forward to many return visits in the future, and though I may not always be able to lend my body or voice to the continued cause, my heart and my spirit will be with you always!

Cheers!
Richard Flack - Founder