



CHICAGO SPIRIT BRIGADE

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



Another Fundraising Record at Market Days!

With nearly perfect conditions at this year's Northalsted Street Market Days, the Chicago Spirit Brigade set another fundraising record, collecting more than \$2,800 in their Spirit Buckets for the **Test Positive Aware Network**. The weather was fine, the crowds were nearly overwhelming in number and enthusiasm... And the dancers, drill team and cheerleaders of CSB responded in kind with three outstanding performances on the Belmont and Hydrate stages.

With just one more Bucket Event to go in 2009 (Be sure to look for us at the Halloween Parade on Halsted!), the Chicago Spirit Brigade is on track to set a one-year fundraising record of over \$10,000

- money which has been donated to organizations including TPAN, AIDS Foundation of Chicago, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

So You Wanna' Be a Star?!

The Chicago Spirit Brigade will be holding workshops and tryouts this fall for its Cheer, Drill and Dance teams. No prior experience is necessary but you will need a great deal of enthusiasm and a willingness to work hard toward our fundraising mission.

Workshops on September 20 and 27 will teach you all the material you will need to know for tryouts on October 4. If you think this might not be for you, please pass on this information to all the shining stars in your life!

Just visit ChicagoSpirtiBrigade.org for more information and to register!

Comings & Goings at CSB...

Two Chicago Spirit Brigade veterans announced their retirement this month as they set off to pursue new opportunities across the country. **Susie Lee**, recipient of the 2008 Shooting Star Award for most improved performer, has moved to Arizona. In less than a week there, she's joined a gym and is already working to add more elite cheer stunts to her repertoire!

Later this month, **Devin Infranca** departs for Kansas City. Mr. Infranca received the 2008 Star Achievement Award for his significant contributions toward the performance and fundraising missions of CSB. We wish him well as he furthers his education and career opportunities in KCMO!

But 2009 has also brought two significant additions to the CSB family...



With the retirement earlier this year of Coach **Dave Erlenbaugh**, the Chicago Spirit Brigade appointed **Danny Huynh** as the new Cheer Coach. Danny brings tremendous dedication, skill and professionalism to the squad. He was a cheerleader with the University of Texas at Austin and George Washington University, and he has coached cheerleading at DePaul and American University. Danny has competed at the national level with both the Universal and National Cheerleaders Associations (UCA and NCA) and was named the NCA Top Gun Stunter in 2002. He was a member of the 2007 Chicago Spirit Brigade performing team.

The Spirit Brigade is also proud to announce that **Christopher McCray** has accepted the newly-established position of Coach for the Dance Team. Mr. McCray, founder of Chicago's *Corpo Dance Company*, brings a wealth of experience in both choreography, teaching and performance. Hailed by the *Chicago Sun-Times* as "a bravura dancer," Christopher possesses a unique sensibility that fuses contemporary and classical dance with a vast idiom of other movement styles. As a longtime dedicated supporter of Chicago's community organizations (including TPAN and the Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry), Mr. McCray is an invaluable asset to CSB's own fundraising mission to help those living with life-threatening challenges.

