



Columbus Italian Club Attempts World's Largest Meatball *800-Pound Meatball To Secure Guinness Record & Several Scholarships*

COLUMBUS (September 10, 2010) – The Columbus Italian Club (CIC) is pleased to announce that on October 8-10 at the St. John's Italian Festival in Italian Village, it will attempt to break the Guinness record for the world's largest meatball.

Proceeds from the 800-pound meatball attempt will benefit the Columbus Italian Club's Education Assistance Scholarship Program, which awards scholarships to deserving Central Ohio high school students of Italian descent. To date, the scholarship program has awarded nearly \$200,000 to more than 150 students in the Columbus community. Proceeds of the event will also benefit local Meals on Wheels programs.

Ingredients in the 800-pound meatball include 1,100 pounds of ground sirloin, onion, and dried spices.

“We're very excited about the world record attempt at this year's St. John's Italian Festival,” said Chris Beardman, World's Largest Meatball Chairman and CIC past President. “We all feel very confident that we'll succeed in breaking the record, but providing essential educational opportunities for local high school seniors is the real goal of our hard work.”

CIC-members have devoted hundreds of hours in preparation for this event. Sponsors of the meatball endeavor include Cash America International, Mettler-Toledo, Charles Penzone, Flichia Wholesale, Train-Ease Inc, Spinelli's Deli, and Governmental Policy Group, Inc.

The decision of whether the world record has been achieved will be announced on the night of October 8, when the center of the meatball reaches 160 degrees. For more information, please visit www.cicmeatball.com and www.columbusitalianfestival.com.

About The Columbus Italian Club

The Columbus Italian Club is a fraternal organization that was founded in 1978 to promote and preserve Italian culture and heritage in the Italian-American community. With 260+ members, it encourages fellowship and networking through celebration of Italian heritage. The Columbus Italian Club Education Assistance Corporation is a nonprofit entity that assists Columbus area students in furthering their educational endeavors. Visit www.columbusitalianclub.org for more information.

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