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Springfield Soccer Club Raises Over \$36,000 for 2nd Year in A Row

For the second consecutive year the Springfield Soccer Club raised over \$36,000 during its' 24 Hour Marathon Soccer Match. Held for 24 consecutive hours on January 22nd- 23rd all 29 teams within the club participated in the match and helping raise donations for the Champion Athletes of the Ozarks and the Springfield Soccer Club.

The game consisted of each team playing for an hour time frame beginning at 4:00pm on Friday January 22nd and continuing until 4:00pm on Saturday January 23rd. The game was kicked off by the Champion Athletes of the Ozarks as they participated in the first hour of the game. "The 24 hour game once again showed how powerful the Springfield Soccer Club can be through its families. From the financial donations to the time people gave to come out and support the Champions Athletes of the Ozarks was tremendous. It just goes to show the impact young people can have on their community as an individual and a group. A BIG thank you to Susan Miles with The Champion Athletes of the Ozarks for all of her help, to the athletes for coming out and playing for an hour and to everyone involved with the Springfield Soccer Club for showing how much they care for others in the community. Looking forward to making next year even bigger!" said Eric Sorlie Director of Soccer Operations for the Springfield Soccer Club.

Each team did more than their fair share in raising pledges and also helped them realize they can help the community in many ways. This year a set of adidas warm-up tops were awarded to the boys & girls team who raised the most donations. On the boys side the SSC 94/95 II boys won again and the SSC 98/99 Red Girls took home the honors on the girls side.

All together the 24 Hour Marathon Soccer Match raised \$36,181.67. On Thursday February 25, 2010 the Springfield Soccer Club will present the Champion Athletes of the Ozarks a donation of \$15,090.35 at the Annual SSC Awards Banquet & Silent Auction. The Springfield Soccer Club also donated official SSC adidas jerseys to those Champion Athletes who participated in the match." The 24 hour game is always so much fun! Raising funds for charity and then getting to play soccer with your team is great. I can't wait till next year. Also, it is so much fun watching the other SSC teams compete." said Renon Kirkpatrick Under 11 Red Girls Team.

Springfield Soccer Club and the Champion Athletes of the Ozarks would like to thank its presenting sponsors; Dental Care of Nixa, Great Southern Bank, SRC, adidas, J & K Soccer, and Licata Bankruptcy Firm, P.C. Without their sponsorship this event would have been difficult to put on.

This event provided an opportunity for SSC players to contribute to the community and also their club, while doing what they do best-playing soccer!! We are very proud and thankful of the support that this event raised for the club and more importantly the generous donations that were generated for the Champion Athletes of the Ozarks and will allow them to expand their outstanding list of programs.