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FIREFIGHTERS STEP UP TO THE PLATE FOR MDA

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 7/15/08) – Temple Terrace firefighters will host a two-day charity softball tournament later this month to raise money for the Tampa Bay chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The third-annual “*Hits for a Cure*” softball tournament will be July 27-28 at the Ed Radice Sports Complex, 14720 Ed Radice Drive, Tampa. Forty teams will take the field, competing for \$10,000 in prizes and awards. The tournament begins at 8 a.m. each day and continues all day long, said Temple Terrace Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Ashley.

Ashley is a member of the Temple Terrace Fire Fighters Association, Local 3582, which created and sponsors the tournament. Teams from throughout the country participate, Ashley said, paying \$250 per team for a chance at softball glory and prizes.

The public is invited to attend the tournament. Admission is free. Barbecue plates, hamburgers, wings, soft drinks and other fare will be available at reasonable prices.

E-Clips will offer free haircuts, and DeMarini Sports Inc. will conduct professional softball homerun demonstrations.

Last year, Temple Terrace firefighters held two fundraising events for MDA – the softball tournament and a boot drive. From those events, they raised \$12,000 for the charitable organization, Ashley said.

Sponsors of this year’s softball tournament include Wal-Mart, Pepsi, Knapp & Sons and Pepin Distributing Co.

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