

Blue Bars

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Windy City Corvettes, inc. was incorporated on August 15, 1990, and is located in Orland Park, IL. Those first members wanted to have a club that had two main goals; (1) one to drive and have fun with America's Sports Car the Corvette through competitive events and social activities and (2) one was to be able to support local charities through various fundraisers. 2008 is over and those two goals are still the main focus of this club. Instead of just eight charter members, Windy City, at any given time, has over 130 members helping to keep these goals alive.

Every year Windy City Corvettes, in conjunction with Bill Kay Chevrolet (Lisle, IL), raffles a new Corvette with proceeds benefiting Sbail (Spina Bifida Association of Illinois). The 2008 raffle winner was Jon Meneses from Carlsbad, CA. In 2008, we donated \$46,000 to SBail. Over the years, we have donated over a **half million dollars** to this organization.

Some of our other endeavors are:

- Our club attends the SBail Picnic and Walk and Roll-a-thon each year. We donate to the Walk and participate in the picnic with giving rides to the kids and giving each of them a gift.
- For more than 12 years, we have been sponsoring at least one (sometimes two) NCCC scholarships.
- We donate to FCOA each year to help with the purchase of items sent and mailing costs.
- We have been a 100% club for the NCCC Kidney Foundation for many years.
- We support Brookfield Zoo each year with their Holiday Lights program. (This is not only a donation to the zoo but a great social event for our members.)
- Windy City is and has been a member of the National Corvette Museum since September 1991. We have purchased several bricks over the years and will be purchasing a 2 ft. x 2 ft. brick this year.
- We donate to our local 4-H Center annually.
- Windy City also sponsors two bowling leagues at Orland Park Bowl. Our monthly meetings are held at this facility and it is an opportunity for us to give back.
- Our latest venture is called "Operation Welcome Home," a program in Orland Park that welcomes home veterans who are returning home from Iraq or Afghanistan. When one of the men or women comes home from their tour of duty, we send them a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

For those reading this, it may seem like all we do is work, which is not true! We do not consider any of our Charity Events as work. Some of these events are our best social activities. Our club is very competitive and hosts several events each year along with other Midwest Region clubs. We also have a Social Committee that plans social events each month. To find out more about Windy City Corvettes, Inc., our wonderful membership, our annual Corvette Raffle and to see pictures of all of our events and activities, visit our website at www.windycitycorvettes.com.