

HAA All-Stars Sports Challenge raises \$25K for American Red Cross

HAA's annual event brought together 300 members for a day of friendly competition. Forty-six teams participated and 40 volunteers helped with the event, which was co-chaired by Laura Lestus with The Liberty Group and Marivel Bownds with Valet Waste.



HAA All-Stars Sports Challenge co-chair Laura Lestus (left) with The Liberty Group takes time out with TAA 2015-2016 President Beth Van Winkle, CAM, CAPS, CPM, Beth Rohani and Jaqueline Galena.



Sponsoring companies helped HAA bring in \$25,000 for the American Red Cross during the annual All-Stars Sports Challenge.



All-Stars Sports Challenge co-chairs Laura Lestus with The Liberty Group and Marivel Bownds with Valet Waste (left-right) celebrate a successful effort.



John Dang with Rockstar Capital Management takes aim at the basket.



Team members from Karya Management enjoy a little time out with HAA President Alison Hall, CAPS, CPM (second from right).



The Milestone Management team has fun channeling the mischievous "Things" from Dr. Seuss' "Cat in the Hat" books.



The Greystar Real Estate Partners team was out in force at the HAA All-Stars Sports Challenge May 13. Friday the 13th this past May was anything but a disaster, as the Houston Apartment Association's All-Stars Sports Challenge raised \$25,000 for the American Red Cross, earmarked for local flood relief.

same April storms, one property Ridgway manages was struck by lightning and damaged in the resulting fire. But Ridgway, president of Celtic Realty Advisors LLC, knows firsthand that floods are a different kind of disaster—during Tropical Storm Allison in 2001, 2,100 units he managed in the Greenspoint neighborhood were damaged by flooding.

"It's brutal," he said. "The first thing in my mind, whenever there's fire, flood, some type of disaster—my first thought is 'are you aware of this happening?'" he said. "I'd

want someone to do the same for me." In the case of the flooding at Madera's property, Ridgway knew the principals might *not* be aware, since they are based in Lubbock.

Jeff Lowry, CAPS, a TAA past president and the vice chairman of the National Apartment Association, is the president of operations for Madera Residential and has

Houston's April 18 "tax day" flood by the numbers

- At least seven deaths in the area
- Thousands of homes flooded, or without power
- At least 1,200 high-water rescues performed
- Up to 15 inches of rain in 24 hours, most in a 10-hour period
- Total rainfall exceeded that experienced in the May 2015 Memorial Day flooding in Houston