



The Fox Valley Blues Umpires Association is proud to be working once again with the McHenry County Youth Sports Association in providing umpires for the 2009 International Championships in Crystal Lake, Illinois. FVB is the premiere umpire organization in the Midwestern United States and has members working all levels of baseball from in-house leagues all the way up to Major League Baseball.

Besides providing umpires for nearly 15,000 games each baseball season in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin the FVB Board of Directors has also made it a "Vision" of the association to raise monies on an annual basis for local and national charities and foundations. In doing so the Fox Valley Blues charitable arm, **The Circle of Love**, has raised nearly \$20,000.00 and donated countless pounds of food and non-perishable food items to local McHenry County shelters and pantries. We have chosen the **Chicagoland Area Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®** as our focus for raising charitable donations and it is our goal in the 2009 calendar year to help **Strike Out Breast Cancer** and to raise \$20,000.

For the afternoon games of July 26th all FVB umpires will wear pink jerseys, FVB hats and bracelets and if you have a pink shirt of your own bring it along with you on your trip to Crystal Lake. We will also be selling Pink Bracelets during the opening weekend of the tournament. We have also added a special link on our website in the event you would like to make your donation securely on-line and can do so by visiting the [Fox Valley Blues Umpires Association](http://www.fvbumpire.com) website.

We truly understand that 2009 has brought many challenges to families and households throughout the world both financially and otherwise. We also still believe it is our civic responsibility to continue, as an association, to give back to the communities that we live, work and umpire in and is one of the many items that set us apart from any other umpire organization.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you out at the fields throughout the course of the week and we once again would like to thank the MCYSA, its President Jack Sebesta and its Board of Directors.

Safe Travels,

The Fox Valley Blues Board of Directors

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