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### Chicago Fire To Play UIC Soccer In Benefit For Chicago SCORES

Charity game to be played at Flames Field on April 25th at 7:30 p.m.

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**Chicago, Ill.-** The FireWorks for Kids Foundation, the charitable arm of the Chicago Fire, and the University of Illinois at Chicago will host a charity exhibition match between the Fire and UIC Soccer on Wednesday, April 25th beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Flames Field to benefit Chicago SCORES.

Chicago SCORES is an after-school program that empowers students in the North Lawndale and Little Village communities of Chicago using soccer, writing, creative expression and service learning.

General admission tickets for the match between the Flames and the Fire are \$10 pre-sale. Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the game for \$12, with a \$10 price per ticket for students and youth and \$8 per ticket for groups of 20 or more.

For additional information about the game or to purchase tickets prior to the day of the game, please call Chicago SCORES at (773) 522-5500.

Flames Field is located behind the Physical Education Building at 901 W. Roosevelt Road on the UIC campus.

Parking for the event is available for a fee at the Maxwell Street Parking Garage at 1300 S. Union. Limited street parking is available around the field.

This is the third consecutive spring that the "Men in Red" and the Flames will play in an exhibition match. But while the previous two games were played under an informal, closed-door atmosphere, this year's contest will be the first in front of a paying audience and will feature the same intense, high-energy environment of a regular-season match for both squads.

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UIC Soccer and the Chicago Fire will meet for the third consecutive spring at Flames Field on April 25th.

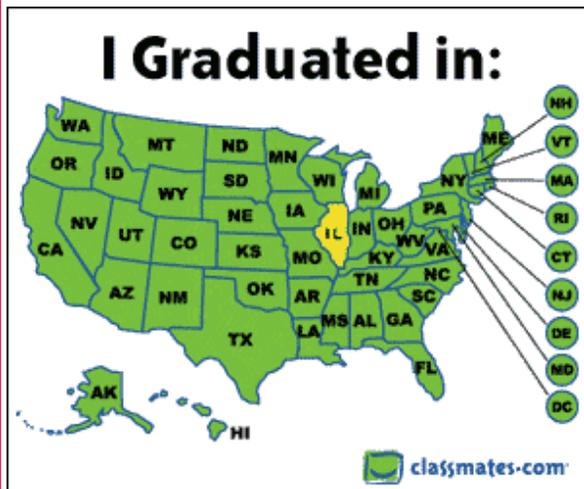
The Fire recently began their 2007 campaign just two weeks ago, while the Flames are in the midst of a five-match exhibition spring schedule following a banner season in the fall of 2006 that saw UIC earn its first-ever at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"We are pleased to be partnering with the UIC Flames and the FireWorks for Kids Foundation to help raise support for the Chicago SCORES program," said Fire President/CEO **John Guppy**. "This exhibition not only gives Chicagoland soccer enthusiasts a chance to see top-flight soccer, but helps a worthy cause in the process."

"This is a tremendous opportunity for UIC and the Chicago Fire to showcase the great game of soccer with proceeds going to an organization which is dear to my heart, Chicago SCORES," said UIC head coach **John Trask**. "The involvement of UIC Soccer with the SCORES program is without a doubt one of the best ways for my young men to have a positive influence on the lives of some young people in Chicago who represent all that is good with kids."

"I would like to thank John Guppy, Dave Sarachan, Donald Ortale, Jessica Yavitz and the folks at Chicago SCORES for making this game a possibility," Trask said. "UIC is looking forward to hosting the Fire and seeing Section 8, the Barnburners and all the other fan groups, including our own students in the FURY, supporting such a great cause."

"As engaged community partners, UIC has played a significant role in the institutionalization of Chicago SCORES as the city's premier non-profit soccer and creative writing program," said **Molly Hellerman**, Executive Director of Chicago SCORES. "Chicago SCORES eagerly anticipates the upcoming UIC vs. Fire game as an opportunity to strengthen our partnership as we seek to help young student-athletes score goals on the field and achieve goals in the classroom."



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