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A-hunting to benefit care group

The Great Adventure Hunt, benefitting ChildCareGroup returns at 6 p.m. Saturday. Part scavenger hunt, part brain-buster, the Great Adventure Hunt is a game in which six player teams compete to solve mind-bending games and riddles. The event begins at Maggiano's Little Italy in NorthPark Center with a buffet dinner and strategy session. Teams then receive their first clue before taking off through the mall to solve 10 puzzles. All players return to Maggiano's for dessert and to hear the solutions to the puzzles.

The nonprofit ChildCareGroup was founded in 1901 and has operated under different names through the years. It is dedicated to promoting, delivering and expanding the best child care services available outside the home.

The families served by ChildCareGroup are primarily low-income, with most earning wages below the poverty level.

Every day, ChildCareGroup is responsible for providing or managing the care of more than 17,000 children from families served by its child care subsidy program. In addition, the agency serves 663 children through Head Start and Early Head Start programs at five early childhood development centers.

Pamela Merritt and Kirstine Rogers are the co-chairs of the Great Adventure Hunt, and Tori and Joe Mannes are the honorary chairs.

Participation is only for teams of 6, no individuals. Team entry fees begin at \$900 for six players.

For information about teams or sponsorships, call Amy Taylor at 214-905-3514, email ataylor@ccgroup.org or visit www.childcaregroup.org.

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