



UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO COED CREW

1212 East 59th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637

Dear Parent,

Your son/daughter rows with the University of Chicago Coed Crew team. The commitment is great because rowing demands much from its participants-- both in mental discipline and physical stamina. Pre-dawn hours spent learning this difficult sport develop both personal initiative and a sense of teamwork. But the commitment doesn't end there.

Less than half of the team's budget is provided by the University. The majority must come from member participation in various fund-raising activities: selling t-shirts, holding car washes and auctions, and asking for individual and small-business contributions.

Our needs are modest (an oar costs about \$200, an 8-person shell about \$8000) but because the team has grown from ten to fifty people in just two years, a shortage of funds and equipment threatens to hold back our progress.

We now ask for your support. These are difficult economic times, I know, but your contribution for equipment purchase, whatever the amount, will benefit the team now and for many rowing seasons to come.

Sincerely,

Martin B. Howard  
Head Coach

P.S. Your contribution is tax deductible.