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Illinois Eye-Bank finds niche with ‘MissFits’

BLOOMINGTON – With its blocks, hits and jams, roller derby is a full contact sport. Players have to be tough, but in the case of the McLean County MissFits, they’re also not afraid to show some heart by supporting community organizations.

On November 19, the MissFits will host a “Thanks for Giving” event, featuring two bouts — as roller derby matches are called — with proceeds from the evening benefitting the Illinois Eye-Bank.

“We’re looking forward to it,” says Dave Hearn, the Eye-Bank’s regional coordinator. “It’s totally different than our usual fundraisers, and the MissFits have proven to be a great group to work with.”

“Thanks for Giving” will take place at the Interstate Center, 2301 W. Market Street, in Bloomington. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the first bout — against Wisconsin’s Stateline Roller Derby Divas — starts at 6:30 p.m. The second bout will have the MissFits take on the Praireland Punishers, from Decatur. Tickets are \$10 for ages 9 to adult, and free for children age 8 and under.

For more information about the Illinois Eye-Bank, contact Hearn at dave@illinoiseyebank.org or 800-548-4703, ext. 772. For more information about the McLean County MissFits, contact Kristy Dewall at ksdewall@yahoo.com or 309-531-4600. You can also visit www.mcleancountymissfits.org.

The Illinois Eye-Bank’s mission is to preserve and restore sight through transplantation, research, education and partnership. It is a charitable, not-for-profit organization and a subsidiary of Midwest Eye-Banks . For more information, visit the Illinois Eye-Bank online at www.illinoiseyebank.org or call (800) 548-4703.

