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Sarah Spain of ESPN to Host Aging Care Connections' Sports Ball Benefit Gala

Aging Care Connections' eleventh annual Sports Ball benefit gala will be held Saturday, May 5 at 6:00 pm at Harry Caray's at The Westin Hotel, Lombard. Sarah Spain, ESPN W columnist, SportsCenter Anchor for Chicago's ESPN 1000 and reporter for ESPNChicago.com, will emcee the event. Celebrities Kurt Becker, of the 1985 Super Bowl Chicago Bears, Dutchie Caray, Troy Murray, formerly of the Chicago Blackhawks, and Brent Sopel of the 2010 Championship Chicago Blackhawks, will headline an evening of tailgate cocktails, skybox dining featuring a surf and turf dinner, auctions and dancing. Sports Ball is Aging Care Connections' major fundraising event held to support the organization's social service programs to assist those 60 years of age and older in suburban Cook County.

The event will give guests the opportunity to meet celebrities who will sign autographs and answer questions about the outstanding careers they enjoyed with major league teams.

Auction items showcasing trips to the 2012 ESPY Awards (Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly Awards), a Sonoma wine experience, Lake Tahoe, Siesta Key, a Chicago "staycation," Scottsdale, Blue Harbor Resort, and your choice of one week at

any of 6,500 resorts around the world, in addition to tickets to the famed The Ryder Cup Tournament, and the “Heisman Experience” including a Notre Dame football autographed by alumnus and Heisman Trophy winner John Lattner, who will attend Sports Ball, and the opportunity to “borrow” John Lattner’s Heisman trophy for two weeks.

Tickets are \$150 each and information about Sports Ball is available by calling Niki Chibucos, director of development and public relations, at 708-354-1323, extension 226.

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. Serving 22 communities in Lyons, Riverside and South Proviso Townships and an additional ten communities in Leyden and Norwood Park Townships for elder abuse investigation, Aging Care Connections’ programs and services are made possible by community support and donations, and, in part, by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), AgeOptions, Community Memorial Foundation and local United Ways. To learn more, visit www.agingcareconnections.org.