



Record-breaking Aging Care Connections' Sports Ball Benefit Gala Raises Funds to Serve Seniors

Aging Care Connections' Twelfth Annual Sports Ball Benefit Gala, held Friday, May 17 at a brand-new venue, Pinstripes in Oak Brook, raised more than \$96,000 to benefit services offered to older adults. Pat Tomasulo, sports anchor at WGN-TV, emceed the event that attracted a capacity crowd. Charles "Peanut" Tillman, Chicago Bears cornerback, was guest of honor for the evening.

Nearly 300 guests enjoyed tailgate cocktails, skybox dining, bocce, bowling and bidding on fabulous auction items. The outdoor deck provided a wonderful spot to relax around the firepit and play bocce.

A highlight of the event was the auction of a jersey "Peanut" Tillman autographed especially for the winner. Other live auction items included trips to Lake Tahoe; the Napa Valley; Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute in Ontario, Canada; Blue Harbor Resort and Scottsdale, in addition to "The Heisman Experience" giving the winner the opportunity to "borrow" John Lattner's trophy for two weeks and enjoy a Notre Dame football game; and "Zamboni!" featuring a ride during a Blackhawks game and an autographed Jonathan Toews jersey.

Sports Ball proceeds fund the professional case management, transportation assistance, elder abuse intervention, benefits assistance and support groups (Alzheimer's Caregiver, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Senior Men) Aging Care Connections has offered for 42

years. We serve more than 8,000 local residents each year. The proceeds realized through Sports Ball are critically necessary to continue our work in 32 communities.

Please mark your calendars now for Sports Ball 2014. It will be held Friday, May 16, 2014 at Pinstripes in Oak Brook. We look forward to seeing you there!