

AUTISM SUPPORT

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Join **TONY LARUSSA** for the 4th Annual **DINNER GALA** and **AUCTION** to benefit children with autism

THURSDAY, APRIL 29TH | THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL | ST. LOUIS

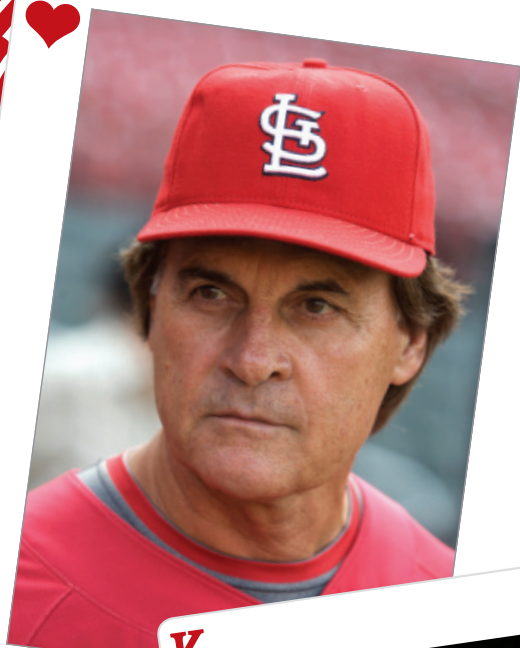


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Tony LaRussa

will again serve as honorary chair of the event, KMOX broadcaster Charlie Brennan will serve as the emcee and Adam Jokisch from Adam's Auctions as auctioneer.

This event offers a unique opportunity to mingle and get autographs with some of the 2010 Cardinals players, Tony LaRussa, and other sports celebrities. There will also be an update on the key role the Thompson Foundation plays in **making a difference for children and their families who are affected by autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders.**

The Thompson Foundation for Autism supports various autism-related organizations and efforts in Missouri and nationally, including The Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Missouri in Columbia. The Thompson Center was established in April, 2005 and has attracted national research projects, including grants from the National Institute for Health and the Simons Institute, and is positioned to become one of the premier autism centers in the country.

Today, one in 150 American children is diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorders, making it more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined. It occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups and is four times more likely to strike boys than girls.



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Gala tickets will be available in February. The evening includes live and silent auctions. For more information, contact Donna Wilkinson at (314) 367-8118.

For more information, visit:
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