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## Charles "Peanut" Tillman Headlines Aging Care Connections Sports Ball

La Grange, IL--Outstanding Bears cornerback, Charles "Peanut" Tillman, has signed on to appear as a celebrity athlete at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Sports Ball Benefit Gala to be held Friday, May 17 at 6 pm at Pinstripes, Oak Brook. The event will feature tailgate cocktails, skybox dining, auctions, bocce and bowling. Sports Ball is Aging Care Connections' major fundraising event held to support the organization's social service programs assisting those 60 years of age and older in suburban Cook County communities.

The event will give guests the opportunity to meet celebrity athletes who will sign autographs and answer questions about the outstanding careers they have enjoyed with major league teams. Auction items showcasing a Notre Dame package including a 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; sports memorabilia including a football signed by Heisman Trophy winners; and trips to the Ottawa Culinary Institute, Scottsdale, Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe and Blue Harbor Resort.

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Sports Ball 2013 Planning Committee members include: Vicky Dawson, Linda Dishman and Cathy Macellaio, Burr Ridge; Ken Bruning and Liz Payne, Clarendon Hills; Lizzi Chibucos, Elmhurst; Lora Collins, Tracy Erwin and Candace Zanon, Hinsdale; Craig Balon, Steve Kneifel, LaVerne Loayza, Alea Olson, Karen Olson, Teri Pappas and Karen Westrick, La Grange; Christy Dolan, Pat Smurawski and Debbie Stangarone, Oak Brook; and Mike Doepke and Mike O'Brien, Western Springs.

Aging Care Connections is accepting auction items and sponsorships to support the event. Tickets are available for \$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

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