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Sports Ball Gala Champions Aging Well

Celebrity Athletes and Local Personalities Rally in Support of Aging Care Connections

La Grange, IL (8/25/2017) – Today Aging Care Connections announced that its 16th Annual Sports Ball Gala will take place on September 15, 2017 at 6pm at the Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge, 1200 Burr Ridge Parkway, Burr Ridge, IL. The event will benefit the nonprofit's programs and services, which are aimed at helping older adults age well and age in place—in their homes, in the community.

“So many older adults are unable to manage their own health and well-being. At Aging Care Connections, we believe that aging well matters. Your support helps your neighbors, parents, or grandparents live healthier, happier lives.” says Debra Verschelde, Aging Care Connections' Executive Director.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Dionne Miller, ABC 7 Sports Anchor, will be joined by celebrity athletes Desmond Clark (Chicago Bears 2003-2010), Adrian Peterson (Chicago Bears 2002-2009), Dan Pasqua (Chicago White Sox 1988-1994), and Julie Harshbarger (Chicago Force and Rockton Rush). Chicago comedy club favorite Mike Toomey will provide the evening's entertainment. Attendees, donned in their finest sports regalia, will come together with celebrity athletes and local personalities to rally in support of ACC's efforts to address aging for everyone depending on where they may be in the aging continuum.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception where guests will have a chance to mingle with celebrity athletes and bid in the silent auction. The reception will be followed by a dinner with an inspiring speech from Executive Director Debra Verschelde, a Q&A with the celebrity athletes, a comedy skit, and the opportunity to bid on various unique live auction packages. One highlighted live auction package is The Ultimate Bears Tailgate Experience, which includes a football signed that night by former Chicago Bear Desmond Clark, two tickets to a Chicago Bears game, a portable Weber Smokey Joe grill, a package of Tastefully Simple BBQ sauces and a \$100 gift card to Giordano's. In addition, with the purchase of a \$100 raffle ticket, one person will win a six-course dinner for eight people, with wine or beer pairings, prepared in their home by Cody Ginther, Sous Chef at the highly-acclaimed Girl and the Goat restaurant.

Sports Ball is made possible through the support of several sponsors, including our Most Valuable Premier Sponsor, The Community Bank of Western Springs. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$1,500 for a table of ten and can be purchased by calling the Advancement Department at 708-354-1323 or online at <http://www.agingcareconnections.org/sportsball2017.html>.

About Aging Care Connections

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization based in La Grange, IL that serves 38 communities from the Lyons, Proviso, Riverside, Leyden and Norwood Park townships. The mission of Aging Care Connections is to enrich the quality of life in our community by providing older adults and their families with guidance and support that enhances the ability to age well. To learn more about Aging Care Connections, visit www.agingcareconnections.org.

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