

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011 | THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL | ST. LOUIS

JOIN TONY LARUSSA FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL DINNER GALA AND AUCTION TO BENEFIT CHILDREN WITH AUTISM



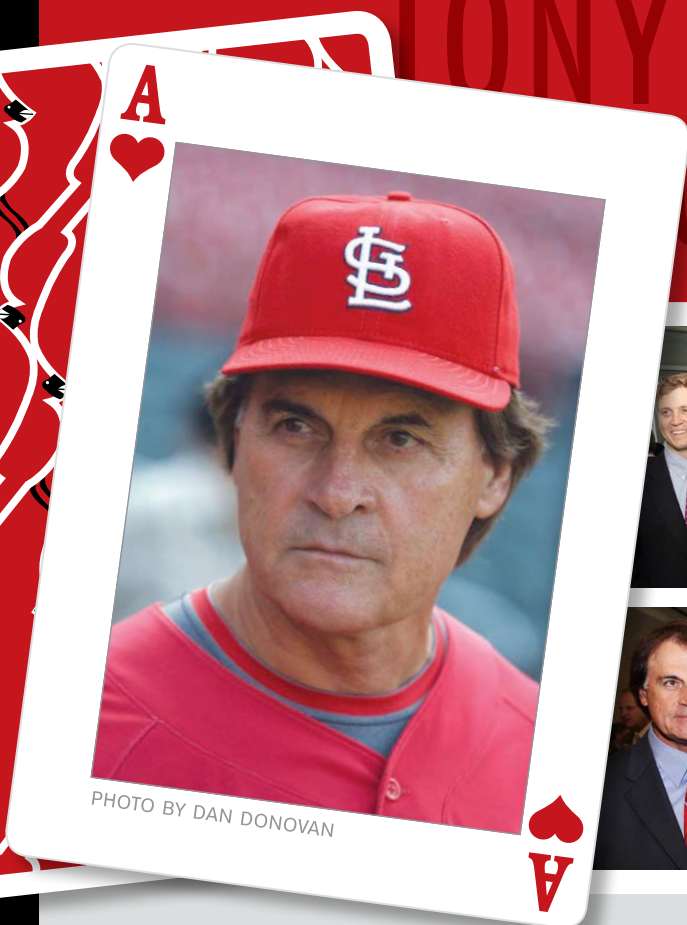
TONY LARUSSA will again serve as honorary chair of the event, KMOX broadcaster **CHARLIE BRENNAN** will serve as the emcee and **MALCOLM IVEY** from Ivey-Selkirk Auctioneers will serve as the auctioneer.

This fun-filled evening offers a unique opportunity to mingle with and get autographs from some of the 2011 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.

Today, one in 110 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 socioeconomic groups and is more likely to occur in boys than in girls.

The Thompson Foundation for Autism is a leader in critical autism-related legislative efforts, and an active partner in new research, interventions and education. It also 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.

TONY LARUSSA
CARDINALS



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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.

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