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ST. LOUIS RAMS LINEBACKER CHRIS DRAFT PRESENTS A TRIBUTE TO ST. LOUIS

Counting Our Blessings Gala will feature Rams players Celebrating Positive Work in the Community

- WHAT: Chris Draft and the Chris Draft Family Foundation present the Counting Our Blessings Gala, sponsored by the St. Louis Rams.
- WHO: Chris Draft, Rams players including Steven Jackson, Donnie Avery, Josh Brown, OJ Atogwe, Donnie Jones, Jon Wade, Rob Bartell, Jason Craft, Sam Gado, Nick Leckey, Jacob Bell, Brett Romberg, Clifton Ryan & more. Coach Jim Haslett and Rams alumni Roland Williams and DeMarco Farr.
- WHEN:Monday, November 246:00pm 9:00pm, Pre-event Reception from 6:00pm-7:00pm
- WHERE: Windows Off Washington 701 N. 15th Street, Tenth Floor, St. Louis
- **BACKGROUND:** Chris Draft and the Chris Draft Family Foundation seek to harness the power of sports philanthropy to uplift and empower communities, discover new resources for social good and positive change in the community. By building a strong alliance of caring people and aligning with corporations that seek social change, the Foundation promotes the fact that "small change can make a big difference".

During the Gala, the Foundation will present **Lee Jackson**, from St. Louis Public School District's Beaumont High School, with the **C.H.P.R.S (pronounced "CHIPPERS") Award** in recognition of service to community and high standards of character, particularly the qualities of compassion, courage, honesty, perseverance, respect, responsibility, and self-discipline.

The elegant evening will feature live entertainment from **Oscar Polk with the HBS Band**, featuring guest vocalist **Taja Sevelle**, Hors d'oeuvres, Cocktails, Silent Auction and a Raffle. Guests are asked to bring one new children's book to donate to the Chris Draft Family Foundation's "**How About a Book**?" holiday program. Books may be purchased at the Gala from representatives of Borders Books.

Limited tickets are available at \$175 per person. Attire: Cocktail. Proceeds benefit the Chris Draft Family Foundation's mission of empowering families to live healthy lifestyles. To purchase tickets, or for more information about the Chris Draft Family Foundation, please visit www.chrisdraftfamilyfoundation.org.

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