



Dempster Foundation Casino Night 2012



May 9, 2012

**6-7 PM VIP Party;
7-10 PM Main Event**

The Palmer House Chicago

MLB Pitcher Ryan Dempster

600+ attendees

Celebrity list included:

Celebrities attending the event and serving as Casino dealers included: Ryan Dempster and his Chicago Cubs teammates --Kerry Wood, Alfonso Soriano, Matt Garza, Darwin Barney and others; GM Theo Epstein, Co-host of ABC's Windy City LIVE, Ryan Chiaverini; Eric Ferguson and Kathy Hart, hosts of the Eric & Kathy Show on WTMX-FM The MIX; WWE wrestling star C M Punk; MLB Hall of Famer and Mr. Cub Ernie Banks; NHL players Chris Chelios and Brian Campbell and others.

Number of times held event: 3rd Annual Event

The Third Annual Dempster Foundation Casino Night, held at Chicago's own Palmer House Hotel, featured a "Roaring Twenties" theme - as colorful flapper girls roamed the house greeting guests and promoting fundraisers that evening. The night included a sold out VIP party and the main event in the Grand Ballroom. Guests mingled with celebrities and enjoyed a full spread of delectable dishes and delicious drinks, while playing fun casino games and enjoying live entertainment (musical guests included Singer/Songwriter Crystal Bowersox and Chicago Mainstay, John Vincent.) The Casino Night event, sponsored by local companies like Sloan Valve, Chicago Cubs Charities and Sidley Austin, LLP, raised over \$300,000 through corporate sponsorship and individual ticket sales, a live and silent auction, a mission moment pledge, and other small fundraisers that evening for charities that support families of children with 22q11.2 deletion.

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