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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **SUPERSTAR PERFORMERS SUPPORT TONY LA RUSSA**

*Tony La Russa Hosts the Animal Rescue Foundation's St. Louis Stars to the Rescue!*

WALNUT CREEK, California – December 22, 2008 – From country to rock, the stars will definitely shine when the curtains go up at Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation's (ARF) St. Louis Stars to the Rescue. Please join host Tony La Russa, Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, along with many other members of the team on Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis, Missouri.

Title sponsor AT&T is joined by Nestle Purina PetCare Company, Ameren, American Airlines, Sinquefield Enterprises, The Thompson Family Foundation, and many other sensational ARF sponsors. Stars to the Rescue will showcase Country Music Hall of Famer, *Vince Gill*, Grammy winning and Academy Award nominated American rock entertainers, *Huey Lewis and The News*; Kevin Cronin and Dave Amato of *REO Speedwagon* fame; CMA award winner and recent Grammy nominated country group, *Lady Antebellum*; along with comics *Lewis Black* and *Kathleen Madigan*.

Hurry – don't miss out on this special evening. Tickets priced at \$55, \$40 and \$25 (students with ID) are on sale now and expected to sell out quickly. Call Metrotix at 314.534.1111 to purchase tickets today!

*Tony La Russa is available for media interviews and appearances by calling 925-296-3116*

Proceeds from this event will help local St. Louis charities including Act Now Rescue, Animal Protective Association of Missouri, Bond County Humane Society, Eureka Large Animal Search and Rescue, Humane Society of Monroe County, Impact for Animals, Open Door Animal Sanctuary, Operation SPOT, and St. Francois Society. ARF saves the lives of loving dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters and gives another chance for a happy life to dogs and cats who otherwise would be killed. ARF provides the care and attention they need, including spay or neuter surgery, until ARF finds them a new home of their own.

ARF's People Connect programs strengthen the human animal bond for the elderly, residents of assisted living centers, teens at juvenile hall, high school students, grade school students and young children through programs that are national models of excellence. ARF's programs allow people to experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats. People rescuing Animals...Animals rescuing People...®.

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