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**SUPERSTAR PERFORMERS SUPPORT TONY LA RUSSA**

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

WALNUT CREEK, California – January 2, 2008 – From jazz to blues, 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 2006 World Series championship team on Sunday, January 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at The Family Arena in St. Charles, Missouri.

Title sponsor AT&T, is joined by Nestle Purina PetCare Company, American Airlines, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., Ameren, Natoli Engineering, Inc. and many other sensational ARF sponsors. Stars to the Rescue will showcase Darius Rucker of Hootie & the Blowfish; three-time Grammy winner, Bruce Hornsby; bluegrass legend, Ricky Skaggs; jazz phenom, country's Luke Bryant; Christian McBride; St. Louis comedian, Kathleen Madigan, and many other talented performers.

Hurry – don't miss out on this special evening! Tickets priced at \$25, \$35 and \$75 are expected to sell out quickly and are on sale now by calling Metrotix at 314-534-1111.

Proceeds from this event will help local St. Louis charities including Animal Protective Association of Missouri, Bond County Humane Society, Doggie Doodles, Eureka Large Animal Search and Rescue, Humane Society of Monroe County, Impact for Animals, Open Door Animal Sanctuary, Operation SPOT, Perry County Humane Society, St. Francois Society and Stray Rescue of St. Louis. ARF's state-of-the-art facility saves the lives of loving dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters. ARF gives another chance at life to dogs and cats who otherwise would have been 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 programs allow people to experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats. People rescuing Animals...Animals rescuing People...®.

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