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Jerry Azumah and the ASAP Foundation Announce Plans for The Third Annual Signature Fundraiser

Chicago – On May 18th Former All Pro, Chicago Bear Jerry Azumah, will be hosting the 3rd Annual Azumah Student Assistance Program Signature Fundraiser at Lucky Strike Lanes Chicago on May 18th, from 6pm-10pm.

The ASAP Foundation is dedicated to supporting high achieving students in their pursuit of higher-level education. To serve this purpose, the ASAP Foundation develops innovative and unique programs and charity events designed to raise funds for disadvantage students. The foundation researches communities, schools, and programs in Illinois and Massachusetts that assist impressionable young students who are



at risk academically and environmentally to help them realize their dreams with the fundamental components of a private education. Currently ASAP sponsors students at San Miguel Schools (Chicago, IL), Link Unlimited (Chicago, IL) and St. Peter Marian (Worcester, MA).

The purpose of the Signature Event is to continue to bring awareness and dollars to the ASAP Foundation and the programs it supports. The Annual Signature Fundraiser is a fun and effective event that brings celebrities, sports figures, and philanthropists together to raise funds and awareness for ASAP's mission. The foundation is hopeful that the Third Annual Signature Fundraiser will be a success and continue to grow ASAP's philanthropic efforts in the community. **This year, confirmed dignitaries and celebrities include Fox Chicago's Robin Robinson, Chicago Bears Players' Lance Briggs, Rashied Davis, Chris Harris, Tommy Harris and Jason McKie, Minnesota Viking, Fred Evans, Chicago Bliss and Chicago Fire Players, CelebTV.com's, Kelli Zink to name just a few.**

Jerry Azumah and the ASAP foundation are passionate about improving the lives and educational opportunities of students. The 2011 Signature Fundraiser will help to continue this cause. **Tickets are \$75, and patrons will be able to partake in featured cocktails by Hennessy Black, crafted by USBG Mixologist Tim Williams, and hearty food provided by Lucky Strike Lanes. Tickets can be purchased online at theasapfoundation.org. Special priced tickets to bowl with celebrities will be sold online as well. Sponsors for the Signature Fundraising Event include, Time Out Chicago, Hennessy Black, Vocalo.org and Horseshoe Casino.**

About Jerry Azumah: Jerry attributes his success both on and off the field to the discipline and dedication that his West African parents instilled in him at an early age. Equipped with a remarkable education from the University of New Hampshire and a successful seven-year All-Pro football career with the Chicago Bears, Jerry has been able to retire and embark on new endeavors. As an entrepreneur, Azumah has played important roles with start up companies Ortanic, Fan Fueled and A2Z

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Capital. Most notable, Azumah has teamed up with Susan Miner of Premier Relocation to create Chicago's only luxury real estate concierge for its professional sports franchises. Established in 2010, the two co-founded Premier Athletes, which provides exclusive high-end residences and delivers world-class amenities to ensure a smooth transition to life in Chicago. Active in community affairs, he has served on the University of New Hampshire Foundation Board of Directors. He established his ASAP Foundation (Azumah Student Assistance Program) in 2004 that provides scholarships to disadvantage students that attend private secondary institutions in Massachusetts and Illinois. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Bears Care, Chicago Bears charitable organization that supports numerous charities and assists those in need from programs supporting education, youth athletics, medical research and health awareness in the Chicago land community. In addition to his philanthropic and entrepreneurial happenings, Jerry has made a smooth transition into the media world as a sports analyst for Comcast SportsNet, Fox Chicago and ESPN 1000 Radio since 2006.

About the ASAP (Azumah Student Assistance Program) Foundation: With an inception in 2004, ASAP's primary goal is to provide scholarships for disadvantaged students in Massachusetts, Illinois and beyond. The generous support Azumah received early in his life tailored his choices and outlook, his community, and his charitable activities. This support also serves as his founding inspiration to utilize his own personal and professional accomplishments to students in need. This year's ASAP event is being used to directly serve support to San Miguel Schools, Chicago. More information on ASAP can be found at www.asapfoundation.com.

About San Miguel School Chicago: San Miguel Schools of Chicago, located in the Back of the Yards and Austin neighborhoods, is dedicated to providing an innovative and accessible education for inner city children. San Miguel's mission includes a Graduate Support Program for its alumni and a Family Support Program for the families of the students it serves. San Miguel believes that it is possible for a child to break the cycle of poverty, violence and hopelessness if given the education, tools and support necessary to succeed.

About Link Unlimited: LINK Unlimited is a not-for-profit organization that provides educational services and mentoring to economically disadvantaged African-American youth from the Chicago area. Through LINK Unlimited, academically motivated youth gain an opportunity to receive a quality private school education. LINK also provides academic enrichment and college readiness programs to help ensure high school graduation and enrollment in a four-year college or university. Since 1966, LINK Unlimited has served more than 1,550 youth. LINK students consistently perform above the local and national averages for African Americans. Since 2000, all LINK graduating seniors have enrolled in four-year colleges and universities. Many of our students have been accepted to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country. Upon entering the LINK program as a high school freshman, each student is matched with a sponsor/mentor. Sponsors contribute toward the cost of private secondary education and agree to be a motivator and advisor to a student as they grow and develop throughout their four years of high school.

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