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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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LINEUP CARD

September 2015
Painting The Town Gold
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, IL

September 11
Zac's Pac "Dream Big" Trivia Night
(to benefit the Jason Motte Foundation)
American Legion 58 - Edwardsville, IL
6:00 PM

September 19
Inaugural Chicago Cornhole Challenge
Wrigley Field - Chicago, IL

September 20
Pediatric Cancer Awareness Game
Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals
Wrigley Field - Chicago, IL

October 5
Enterprise Charity Golf Tournament
(to benefit the Jason Motte Foundation)
Norwood Hills Country Club
St. Louis, MO

October 17
Strike Out Cancer Golf Classic
Greenview Golf Course
Centralia, IL

November 14
Strike Out Cancer with Jason Motte Gala
Memphis, TN

December 3-5
St. Jude Marathon Weekend
Memphis, TN

Rivals Team Up At Record-Breaking Event

So many times we see the bad side of sports. The on-field tension spilling over into an emotion-filled stadium of spectators. The taunting. The reveling. The rivalries that end up anything-but-friendly.

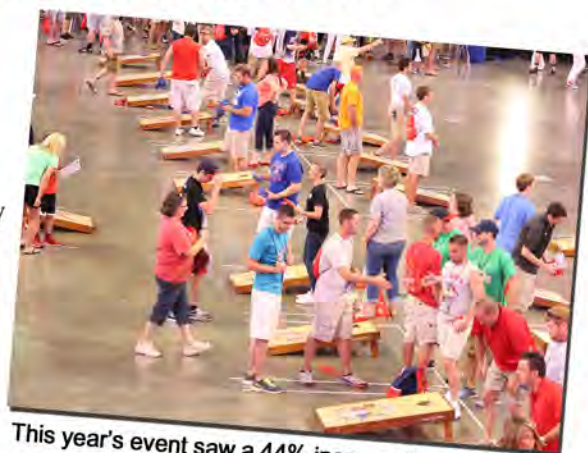
But on June 28, fans of Baseball's Best Rivalry showed that rivals can find common ground and become teammates. And that common ground was on the floor at Chaifetz Arena for the Second Annual St. Louis Cornhole Challenge.

For that one day, those six hours, bitter rivals put aside their differences to join together in the fight against cancer. Jason Motte, of the Cubs, and Jon Jay, of the Cardinals, with the help of their teammates, raised money for two outstanding organizations, the Jason Motte Foundation and Make-A-Wish Missouri.

"When you take off the uniform, we're all the same," said Jay. "We all deal with the same type of problems. "We've all been affected by cancer in some way, through family members or friends. To be able to come out here today and help with the cause and raise money for research is great."

The Cornhole Challenge concept originated in 2014 when Jason was still a member of the St. Louis Cardinals. He wanted to take his fun-loving spirit and "throw a party." And, thus, the Cornhole Challenge was born. The event last year, held in historic Forest Park, was a great success and set a lofty bar for organizers of the event.

But Jason was up for the challenge! He wouldn't let an offseason change in home ballpark get in his way. Instead, he turned that challenge into a positive and found a way to further enhance his party, not to mention expand the awareness



This year's event saw a 44% increase in attendance!

of his true passion - finding a cure for cancer. In total, 157 teams participated in this year's single-elimination tournament. Those in attendance had the unique opportunity to play alongside and interact with a star-studded lineup of players who were on-hand to show their support. Names like Adam Wainwright, Jon Lester, Anthony Rizzo, Michael Wacha, Kris Bryant, and Matt Adams made this a day to remember! A good time was had by everyone making up the over 600 in attendance, and all walked away with memories to last a lifetime.

After all the bags had been tossed, and a champion had been crowned, the true victory was in a statistic that we can all be proud of - over \$122,000 raised for two great causes. St. Louis: You hit it out of the park!!!

Once again, this community proved that regardless of wins and losses or on-field performance, the generous spirit far surpasses any on-field accomplishments.

Now that's worth cheering about!

THANKS FOR BEING A TEAMMATE IN THE FIGHT!! See you in 2016!!

"ANYTIME YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD AND
YOU DON'T, THEN YOU ARE WASTING YOUR
TIME ON THIS EARTH."
- ROBERTO CLEMENTE



The Gold Standard: A 16-year old's story

High school has been described as the "best four years of your life." It serves as the next step in education. New opportunities arise through sports and other activities. There are new people to meet. The world is your oyster.

Yet for Todd Schultz, this journey, filled with excitement and anticipation, took an unexpected turn. On July 12, 2013, this Edwardsville native had to make a trip to the emergency room while suffering flulike symptoms. After a series of tests, it was discovered that those symptoms were Philadelphia Chromosome Positive Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. In a matter of hours, Todd's world turned upside down.

The resolve and resilience of a child is incredibly inspiring, and Todd is no different. His three-year treatment schedule consists of needles and spinal taps and chemotherapy. He must inject himself with insulin as a byproduct of his treatment. He has lost his hair and watched those around him, whom he's become close to, lose their battle. Almost 17 months into his treatment, a close friend lost her battle with cancer. She was the first person that Todd had met that was his age. There was an instant connection. Yet, she simply ran out of options. There was no more chemo or medicine to be given.

As Todd struggled to make sense of what was happening, he decided to turn his loss into a positive, and thus "Painting the Town Gold" was born. "Painting the Town Gold" is a month-long series of events in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, Illinois area during the month of September (Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month). Scheduled events consist of a Go Gold Festival, a 5K run, a Trivia Night, dining events, shopping events, and a Go Gold Gala. In partnership with the Jason Motte Foundation and the local community, the goal is to raise \$100,000 through this initiative, all going to fund pediatric research. Todd has the full support of his community, local governing bodies, and his family and friends, and he would like to add many more to his team!

There is truly something for people of all ages to support this cause. For more information, go to www.ptgglened.org.

Memphis Musings

Whether playing for St. Louis or Chicago, Jason never forgets his hometown. That is evident through his continuous efforts in the greater Memphis area. Join Jason and his wife Caitlin at one of these upcoming events.

For more information, contact Karen with the Jason Motte Foundation by emailing karen@jasonmottefoundation.org.



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Let's Play Two! Cornhole Challenge headed to The Windy City

Wrigley Field has seen a lot of different events in its 101-year history.

Baseball. Concerts. Football. Lacrosse. Hockey.

It's now time to add another to the list - CORNHOLE!

Jason and his teammates are bringing the Cornhole Challenge to The Friendly Confines on Saturday, September 19. Fans will have the unique opportunity to compete on the same field as some of the Cubs' legends. Right in the midst of a run to Postseason, this is sure to be a fun-filled event and an opportunity you will not want to miss!

If you've ever dreamed of playing at Wrigley Field. If you've ever wanted the chance to meet guys like Anthony Rizzo or Jon Lester. If you are a baseball historian and want to see what it's like from a different perspective - **ON the field.** This is the event for you!!

All teams that register will get the chance to play a member of either the Cubs or the St. Louis Cardinals. This is your chance to earn bragging rights, and be the envy of all your family, friends, and co-workers. Just imagine the stories you could tell!

As was the case in St. Louis, attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind sports memorabilia during live and silent auctions.



All proceeds will benefit the Jason Motte Foundation and their relentless pursuit to Strike Out Cancer. Don't let this chance to hang out in the outfield of historic Wrigley Field pass you by.

Don't be CHI - sign up today! For more information and to register, visit www.cubs.com/cornhole.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Karen with the Jason Motte Foundation at 314-780-6397 or karen@jasonmottfoundation.org.

Chicago ... here we come!

The St. Jude ABCs of Cancer

A cancer diagnosis is frightening for anyone, but it is especially scary for a child. The Child Life Specialists at St. Jude Children's Hospital have created unique ways for children and teens to understand their illness while expressing their feelings in healthy ways—through play, writing and art.

St. Jude has produced "The St. Jude ABCs of Cancer," a collection of poems and artwork crafted by the young heroes who are patients at St. Jude. In this issue of *Call to the Pen* we continue to share some of these entries. The collection is taken directly from what each of the patients wrote, making no corrections to their writing.

The letter "B" is brought to you by Micah, an 8-year old Neuroblastoma patient.



Neuroblastoma is a cancer that develops from immature nerve cells found in several areas of the body. It is most commonly arises in and around the adrenal glands, which have similar origins to nerve cells and sit atop the kidneys. However, neuroblastoma can also develop in other areas of the abdomen and in the chest, neck and near the spine, where groups of nerve cells exist.

B is for BELIEVE.

Believe in yourself

Because St. Jude is on your side

The fight may be tough

But hold your head up with pride

It's going to be ok

Live Life and **Believe**

It's ok to cry

It will be fine

We all have to believe they will find
a cure one day

Just remember we all have to **Believe!**



A Look Back: 2nd Annual St. Louis Cornhole Challenge



THANK YOU ST. LOUIS! SECOND ANNUAL ST. LOUIS CORNHOLE CHALLENGE

RIVALRY ON THE FIELD

157 TEAMS

162 GAMES

602 ATTENDEES

44% LARGER THAN 2014

TEAMMATES IN THE FIGHT!

ONE CHAMPION!
CONGRATS TO THE WOLVERINES!

GOOD LUCK IN CHICAGO!



TWO VALUED PRESENTING SPONSORS

A NEW HOME!

CHAIFETZ ARENA

166 SHIRTS SOLD



TWO ON-FIELD RIVALRY, BUT ONE EXTENDED BASEBALL FAMILY

\$121,993 raised for two wonderful causes

To the community that means so much to us and has shown overwhelming support to our families, from the bottom of our hearts we would like to say **THANKS FOR BEING ON OUR TEAM!**

Jason Motte *Gregory Motte* *Wesley* *Michelle Jay*



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Cardinal Forever!

