

Mike Scioscia Headlines Boys and Girls Club Dinner and Auction

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For the past two years, Los Angeles Angels Manager Mike Scioscia has helped make the Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills' "For Love of Youth" Dinner and Auction a particularly successful event. This year is no different, as Scioscia is slated as the keynote speaker Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Monrovia Historical Museum and will be auctioning some of the premier items – the Los Angeles Angels Dream Packages.

"The Angels Dream Packages are really something special, because Mike (Scioscia) stands up there and auctions them off himself," said Tom Radle, a board member at the Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills. "(The Angels) work together with whoever gets the packages to make sure their evening at the ballpark is really something special. (Scioscia) always does an amazing job, and takes a lot of personal care and satisfaction in the event."

The packages include box seats to an Angel game, with opportunities to visit with the players during batting practices, and even access to the Angels' dugout prior to the game, according to Radle.

"(Scioscia's) done a lot of work to benefit kids through a variety of charities," added Matt Bennett, community relations manager for the Angels. "He's really proud of that and we're proud of him for it."

Now in its 12th year, the Boys and Girls Club event has taken several forms, including casino nights, according to the group's assistant director, Rhonda Dickson. This is the third straight year they've gone with the "For Love of Youth" Dinner and Auction theme, and Dickson stated that the success of the event continues to grow each year.

Past keynote speakers have included former Dodger Manager Tommy Lasorda, ex-Laker great Michael Cooper, female basketball legend Sheryl Miller, and ex-dodger Eric Karros. Other items offered for auction this year include: an autographed jersey from Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush, use of the Rose Bowl field for a two-hour private party, airfare and lodging in Boston for two, with tickets to a Red Sox game, use of a condo in Kauai, Hawaii, and other memorabilia and travel packages.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment and socializing, followed by the dinner at 7:30 p.m. and auction shortly thereafter. The Monrovia Historical Museum is located at 742 East Lemon Avenue in Monrovia, reservations and additional information available through the Boys and Girls Club at (626) 305-5353.