



## **NAZR MOHAMMED SUCCESSFULLY RAISES \$30,000 FOR AUTISM RESEARCH AT CHARITY CASINO GALA**

It was a night of gambling (with play money) and giving back at Nazr Mohammed's "ALL IN FOR AUTISM" Charity Casino Gala on Friday, August 7, 2015. Emceed by Windy City LIVE's Ryan Chiaverini, the event took place at Galleria Marchetti and featured cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, raffle and a silent auction. A total of \$30,000 was raised for Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago and the Turning Pointe Autism Foundation.

"Each year I choose a different cause to support and this year it was about raising awareness for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)," explains Mohammed. It's something I've been personally connected to through close friends and have come to understand the importance of research and advocacy so that early signs of ASD do not go unnoticed."

Auction and raffle items included Weber grills, power tools, luxury handbags, sports memorabilia and more. Beverage sponsors included Koval Gin, William Wolf Bourbon, Remy Martin, Spirit of Feni, Dr. Pepper, Parce Rum and Don Julio.

A Chicago native and 17-year NBA veteran, Mohammed was a member of the 2005 NBA World Champion San Antonio Spurs, and has played with the Philadelphia 76er's, Atlanta Hawks, New York Knicks, Detroit Pistons, Charlotte Bobcats, and Oklahoma City Thunder.

He is a proud graduate of Kenwood Academy in Hyde Park and University of Kentucky where he won championships in 1996 and 1998 before becoming a first-round draft pick in 1998. In 2014, Mohammed was awarded "BULL OF THE YEAR" by the Comcast's 'Sports Awards' for his considerable contributions to his team, as well as the Chicago community.

Mohammed recently returned from Johannesburg, South Africa where he was selected to participate in the "Basketball Without Borders" program and first NBA Africa Game.

The Nazr Mohammed Foundation is committed to being a charitable member of the global community by supporting a multitude of worthy causes through personal donations, fundraisers, camps, grants, and scholarships. [www.nazrmohammed.com](http://www.nazrmohammed.com)

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