



JERRELL FREEMAN AND COLTS TRY OUT SERVING SKILLS TO RAISE \$75,000 FOR CHARITY AT FIRST ANNUAL CELEBRITY WAITER NIGHT

Indianapolis, IN – Following their last day of Mini Camp the Colts were out in force Thursday night to test serving skills and raise money for Jerrell Freeman's Rise Above Foundation. Freeman and 15 of his teammates spent the evening pouring wine, taking selfies and signing footballs for 150 guests during a four course meal at Prime 47, downtown Indianapolis.

Guests were greeted by an all-star lineup including: Mike Adams, Dwayne Allen, Anthony Castonzo, Josh Chapman, Gosder Cherilus, Vontae Davis, Coby Fleener, Matt Hasselbeck, Todd Herremans, Dan Herron, TY Hilton, D'Qwell Jackson, Arthur Jones, Robert Mathis, Pat McAfee, retired defensive captain Gary Brackett and Director of Player Engagement David Thornton. Local celebrity newscasters Chris Hagan and Nicole Pence of Fox59 and Marianne Lyles and Mike Berman of CBS were also in attendance to raise money for the cause. The evening was emceed by the lively #1 Colts Punter Pat McAfee and Kristi Lee of the Bob & Tom Show. Auctioneer Melissa Davis led the group through a stellar auction, which grabbed celebrity and guest interest alike.

Freeman invited a few local IPS students to attend his event. Accompanied by their principal, the Martinez boys (IPS School 56) brought a smile to everyone's face as they performed a short skit about helpful programs Jerrell Freeman's Rise Above Foundation is supporting like Backpack Attack.

Freeman followed their skit with a quick word of his own:

"Unlike a lot of the guys that were here serving you tonight, I was not lucky enough to go to school on an athletic scholarship. My academic scholarship is what allowed me to get through college. Education is everything."

He was met with a standing ovation. Freeman promised to match guest donations of the evening up to \$10,000 and bid paddles flew to the air as Indianapolis showed their support.

Through donations, sponsorship and a live and silent auction, the First Annual Celebrity Waiter Night raised \$75,000 for Jerrell Freeman's Rise Above Foundation. This money will help Freeman support programs like Indy BackPack Attack, a school supply drive kicking off June 22 with an appearance by Jerrell at the Indianapolis Zoo followed by a distribution day later in the summer. More

information is available at www.indybackpackattack.org. Freeman is excited to help with the cause and get students the supplies they need to rise above.

Celebrity Waiter Night was the kick-off event for Jerrell Freeman's Rise Above Foundation. It was made possible through the generous donations of many sponsors including Summit Realty Group, RNDC and many more.

About Jerrell Freeman's Rise Above Foundation

Established in 2015, the Mission of Jerrell Freeman's Rise Above Foundation is to provide inner city and low-income children with the educational opportunities and resources to reach their full potential and rise above. Learn more at jerrellfreeman.org

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