





Michael "Big Mike" Namoff does only benefit fundraising events and lots of them. He was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. Born into an entrepreneurial family as the youngest of five brothers, he owns retail furniture stores throughout central Illinois.

In addition to his retail furniture stores, Mike also owns and operates "Mega Events" which raises money for charities such as MDA, Special Olympics, March of Dimes, Boys and Girls Club, Crisis Nursery, GiGi's Playhouse, and the American Heart Association. He has also helped raise millions for organizations including Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, University of Illinois, and Chicago Bears. He has worked with many Sports Hall of Famers & legends, including football and baseball personalities Mike Ditka, Ryne Sandberg, Lou Brock, Andre Dawson, Ozzie Smith, Pete Rose and Jim McMahon.

He is well known for his fun tv commercials featuring his children. They have been featured on David Letterman, Talk Soup, and Will Ferrell's "Funny or Die" website and "The Simpsons". His high energy and big heart jumpstarted what has now been 15 years in the auctioneering business.

A board member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for over five years, Mike is also the founder of the Dream Team, a competitive youth baseball organization that has over 150 kids participating every year. Recently, he started working with the Tom Jones Challenger League, an organization that enables kids with disabilities to play baseball.

Mike and his wife Michelle have been married for over three decades. They have three children: Tyler, Mallory, and Michael.



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# The Ambassadors

Ambassadors/Ringmen are very entertaining, respectful and add a nice touch of class to round out your event. They add just one more element to assure your event is an incredible success and will be the talk of the town. Ringmen are full of energy, observant, engaging and will promote excitement and fun.

They have in-depth training on all aspects of the auction process and are experienced in bid spotting and making guests feel at ease by answering questions and making sure everyone is comfortable with the live auction process. They have a perfect balance of initiative, a genuine caring attitude, and a sense of humor. They add an extra set of eyes and ears for the auctioneer and build guest relationships.

A Ringman is a very important member of every live auction team, whose contributions and responsibilities include an accurate interpretation of buyer interest and effective communication of buyer participation to his or her auction team.



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### **Celebrity Appearances Available**



Chicago Bears Hall of Famer Mike Ditka

Chicago Cubs World Series Champion Kyle Schwarber

# **MEGA EVENTS** BENEFIT AUCTION SPECIALISTS

LIVE GALA OR GOLF EVENT SUPPORT INCLUDES:

A licensed Benefit Auctioneer Specialist (BAS) and an Auctioneer Ambassador Unlimited Consulting (Phone Calls, Emails, and Text) • Creative Auction Ideas / Brainstorming Sessions Timeline Stratagies • Latest trends for Live / Silent Auctions Onstage Ambassador for your cause • Expert in Fund the Need & Direct Appeal Donations New revenue enhancing ideas • Audience networking • New sponsorship ideas Goal setting & budgeting • Technology Support / Mobile Bidding Strategies How to capitalize on celebrities & VIP guests at your event • Wrap up consultation If needed, we also host Virtual Gala Events and strategies!



Big Mike with Chicago Bears Hall of Famer Dan Hampton, Seal Team 6 Robert O'Neil, Country Musician Icon Lee Greenwood Former Sheriff David Clarke and Bounty Hunter/Reality TV Star Duane "Dog" Chapman



# Speedpainter

John Jansky is an American entertainer who is known for his dynamic live performances as he rapidly paints portraits to musical accompaniment on a large canvas. He can complete a portrait on canvas in a matter of minutes in front of large audiences with uncanny likeness. John's unique, fast paced and fun presentations have placed him in front of audiences both small and large for benefit fund raisers. His audiences have also included many celebrity athletes, coaches, actors, musicians and politicians. Among just a few of his subjects have been Mike Ditka, Pete Rose, Dick Van Dyke and

several Cubs players. Bringing John to your event equals TWO things: great entertainment and lots of money raised from his one-of-a-kind, priceless works of art.







#### CHILDREN'S HOME ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

"Mike Namoff and his team at Mike's Mega Events are the premier experts in the field. If you want an event to be remarkable and remembered; or you want an effort to be financially successful, Mike Namoff will accomplish that goal. Whether it is in the early stage planning process, or night of event, there is nobody better in the country. His ability to coordinate and juggle all of the balls in the air is something that can't be taught. I personally have had the pleasure of working with Mike Namoff in every capacity of an event, and when he is on board, you know your event is in good hands."

Matt George - CEO

#### A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

"I am amazed at Mike Namoff and Mega Event's ability to raise money for a good cause while throwing one heck of a party at the same time. Everyone at the Tom Jones Challenger League Auction had a great time. The event was well run and professional and not only raised awareness but also a bunch of money for the League. Mike has a big heart and gives of himself with both time and money to make our community the best it can be."

Deborah Frank Feinen - Mayor of Champaign, IL

#### STEVE STRICKER ILLINI GOLF CLASSIC

"Thank you for your assistance with the Steve Stricker Illini Golf Classic auction again this year. The energy and excitement you bring to this event is often anticipated as much as the auction items themselves. It is phenomenal that we raised nearly \$10,000 per auction item and we realize this success is due to your involvement. As soon as we determine the date for next year's event, we will let you know – we hope your schedule will allow you to take part again! We look forward to working with you in the future."

Shawn Wax - Associate Director of Athletics - University of Illinois

#### DON MOYER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AUCTION

"It is a pleasure to pen this letter in support of Mike Namoff. Mike has proven to be an excellent auctioneer. He is the most enthusiastic and energetic auctioneer I have ever seen! His style and techniques have proven to be very successful and profitable. Currently, he is the most requested auctioneer in the midwest. Not only has he handled the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club Auction, he was the auctioneer for the University of Illinois, Champaign Rotary Club, and several other local not-for-profit agencies' special events. Mike brings integrity, creativity, and fun to every event that he does. His passion for people is infectious and his command of a room is second to none."

Andre Arrington - Executive Director - Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club

#### CHICAGOLAND MDA MUSCLE TEAM

"The Mega Events Auction team was amazing at last night's Chicagoland MDA Muscle Team!! They're true professionals led by Big Mike who was simply awesome while having to work in pain on crutches all for a record-breaking night to cure neuromuscular disease!! Mike, you made us all proud as you crushed the best event I've ever seen!! Bravo!!"

Jim Cristman - VP at the Lemont Refinery of CITGO Petroleum

## Time to LEVEL UP your next event!



#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT "Providing fundraising support to organizations so they can create awareness through

amazing fundraising experiences and help impact the world around them."







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