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## PRESS RELEASE



**Ante4autism event, presented by Leggett & Platt Inc., surpasses \$40,000 in sponsorships already!**

*Event to be held in Las Vegas Sunday, 1/22/17 at the Golden Nugget, as Co-Hosts hope to raise over \$100,000!*

**Las Vegas, October 16, 2016:** The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ante4Autism poker tournament, presented by **Leggett & Platt Inc.**, will be held at the Golden Nugget in the “Grand” event center on Sunday, January 22<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The 9 Final Table qualifiers will split \$10,000, which is sponsored by **Symbol Mattress**. In addition, **Ashley Furniture Industries Inc.**, has signed on to be a Double Diamond \$10,000 sponsor again this year. (Pictured above: Doug Krinsky, Founder of the Ante4autism event, looks on as Todd Wanek, CEO of Ashley Furniture, speaks to the crowd).

The sponsors are lining up earlier than ever this year. We want to thank the following sponsors that most recently signed up to support our families: **\$5,000 Diamond sponsors Karl & Cathi Glassman, \$1,000 Gold sponsors Mantua Manufacturing, A. Lava & Son; \$500 Silver sponsor Big Sandy; \$250 Bronze sponsors Englander, Judi & Kerry Lebensburger, and Great American Furniture Services.**

Sponsorships are available online at [www.Ante4autism.com](http://www.Ante4autism.com) or sponsors can contact Founder Doug Krinsky directly at 614-554-0802 or e-mail [ante4autism@aol.com](mailto:ante4autism@aol.com). There will be a silent auction at the event with outstanding entertainment and sports memorabilia items available. **Merchandise donations are also being accepted for the silent auction.** Players can register now to play and donations are now being accepted online at [www.Ante4autism.com](http://www.Ante4autism.com).

The buy-in for the Texas Hold'em poker event is only **\$125, with \$40 re-buys available!** All 9 final table players will receive great merchandise prizes for being top finishers, as well as a portion of the \$10,000. The winner will receive the Grand Champion winner's plaque as well. Celebrities and special guests will be playing in the event again this year. The complete details of the event are available at [www.Ante4autism.com](http://www.Ante4autism.com). Join us for an evening of fun to help a great cause. Celebrities that appeared over the past few years have included Randy Couture (Pictured below), Lon McEachern from ESPN, Jennifer Harmon (pictured below), Jose Canseco, along with top poker pros Howard Lederer, Chip Jett, Dennis Phillips, and Frank Kasella.



The Hosts of the event have finalized the list of Autism organizations that will split the proceeds of this year's event. We are very happy to announce the following 5 charities will be the beneficiaries of the proceeds:

**Lettuce Work** - Organization dedicated to serving young adults with Autism and training them for the future. They operate a commercial hydroponic greenhouse that provides the platform for school to work transition services, job training and employment opportunities for young adults with Autism.

**Autism Speaks** - Is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.

**Bike to the Beach** – Is a community of people who combine biking, purpose, and fun to inspire individuals to overcome obstacles through personal challenge and to inspire the larger community to raise funds and awareness for Autism, the most prevalent developmental disability in the world.

**National Autism Association of Southeast Ohio (NAASEO)** – The mission of the **National Autism Association** is to educate and empower families affected by autism and other neurological disorders, while advocating on behalf of those who cannot fight for their own rights. The Southeast Ohio chapter serves the counties of **Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, and Perry** in southeastern Ohio.

**Families for Effective Autism Treatment of Southern Nevada (FEATSONV)** - Our mission is to provide information on treatment resources for families with children diagnosed with autism, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and related disorders. We provide support, encouragement, and guidance to parents and create an opportunity for them to benefit from contact with other parents with similar needs and concerns. FEATSONV provides this support in the Southern Nevada area.

Join the furniture industry, as well as Las Vegas area residents, poker stars and celebrities to raise \$\$ to help our kids with Autism, adults with Autism and their families! “We are very happy to help a local Las Vegas based Autism charity this year,” said Co-Host Karina Jett. Jennifer Strobel, Executive Director of FEATSONV, put it best, “We are very excited to be a part of this great event.” “We hope to create a buzz in the local Las Vegas area to come and play in the event, support our cause and raise \$\$ to help local families,” an excited Jennifer told the Co-Hosts.

**Co-Hosts for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual event include:** Karina Jett, Professional Poker Player; Allen Parvzian, APAR Management, LLC; Myra Stone, Independent Representative; Randy Coconis, Coconis Furniture; Stuart Carlitz, Eclipse International; Phil Miner, Symbol Mattress; Mike McQuiston, Symbol Mattress; Jerry Williams, Retail Service Systems, Inc; Anthony Mehran, Huffman Koos Furniture; Joseph Amato, and Doug Krinsky, Restonic.

Autism spectrum disorders are diagnosed now in **1 in 68 children in the United States**, and 1 in 42 boys. It is very important we continue to help all the families impacted by Autism in any way we can. We hope to see everyone at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ante4autism poker tournament, **Sunday, January, 22nd at the Golden Nugget at 7 PM!**