



**EDDIE GUARDADO'S STARS & STRIKES ANNUAL CELEBRITY BOWLING TOURNAMENT
PRESENTED BY THE EDDIE GUARDADO FOUNDATION TO BE HELD JANUARY 27**

***Stars and Strikes* Aims to Raise Funds to Provide Grants and Financial Assistance to Families Impacted with Autism**



TUSTIN, CA – NOVEMBER 14, 2012 – *Eddie Guardado's Stars and Strikes*, the annual celebrity bowling tournament and fundraiser presented by [The Eddie Guardado Foundation](#) in conjunction with [ACT Today!](#) (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) will be held Sunday, January 27 from 5 pm to 8:30 pm at Bowlmor Lanes at The District in Tustin (2405 Park Avenue, Tustin, CA).

The net proceeds generated by this star-studded event will be used to provide direct support and assistance to families who do not have the means to provide the necessary treatment, therapy and tools for their children impacted by autism.

"As parents of a child with autism, we know first hand the expense and resources required to provide treatments and tools to help that child be successful," says Lisa Guardado, wife of former MLB baseball pitcher Eddie Guardado and ACT Today! board member. "We were fortunate to have the means necessary to provide our daughter Ava with the care and treatment she needs and we feel compelled to help make those opportunities available to those who would not otherwise have access to them."

"*Stars and Strikes* is a great, fun-filled evening for a worthwhile cause," says [Eddie Guardado](#). "Thanks to the continued support of the MLB community as well as corporate sponsors, friends, and family and we are able to assist a growing number of families each year."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 88 children in America is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), making ASD more prevalent than juvenile diabetes, pediatric cancer and childhood AIDS combined. With the monies raised during the *Stars and Strikes* event last year, the Eddie Guardado Foundation awarded grants to more than 50 families for everything from a new fence allowing a young boy in San Diego to play securely in his front yard to 33 iPads to assist with language development and daily living skills.

Following a successful event in 2012, which raised over \$130,000, this year's *Stars & Strikes* looks to be even bigger and better than ever before with over 120 bowlers, over 30 celebrity athletes, actors and actresses, and live and silent auctions. This year's celebrity attendees, who will be mixing it up with bowlers and fans, will include Torii Hunter, La Troy Hawkins and Garret Anderson of the LA Angels, Michael Young, Scott Feldman, Adrian Beltre and Coach Gary Pettis

from the Texas Rangers and Todd Marchant formerly with the Anaheim Ducks, with many more to come!

Details on *Stars and Strikes* Tickets:

To participate in this years *Stars and Strikes* tournament, sponsors can purchase bowling lanes starting at \$2500 providing an opportunity for 4 players to bowl with one celebrity bowler, 4 guest passes, hosted food and beverages and an autographed bowling pin, signed by participating celebrities, by contacting Laura@act-today.org or calling (714) 546-4431.

Individual VIP Guest passes (\$200) and spectator tickets (\$150) as well as additional sponsorship opportunities starting at \$500 are also available by contacting Laura@act-today.org or calling (714) 546-4431.

About The Eddie Guardado Foundation:

Major League All-Star Pitcher, Eddie Guardado and his wife Lisa established The Eddie Guardado Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) in 2008 after their youngest child, Ava, was diagnosed with autism. Lisa and Eddie understand the emotional and financial hardships families impacted with autism experience and founded the Eddie Guardado Foundation to help other families receive access to therapy and treatments that they could not otherwise afford.

In January 2011, The Eddie Guardado Foundation joined forces with ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!), as both non-profits share the mission of providing awareness of and access to effective therapies for children with autism. Since their partnership began, the Eddie Guardado Foundation has enabled ACT Today! to provide an additional 100 grants to help children with autism achieve their highest potential. The organizations continue to collaborate together with Eddie and Lisa serving on the ACT Today! board.

www.eddieguardadofoundation.org

About Eddie Guardado:

Eddie Guardado is a former Major League Baseball relief pitcher. Throughout his career, Guardado played with the Minnesota Twins (1993–2003, 2008), where his durable arm earned him the nickname “Everyday Eddie,” the Seattle Mariners (2004–2006), Cincinnati Reds (2006–2007), and the Texas Rangers (Two separate stints in 2008 and 2009). Over Eddie's career, he appeared in 908 games. Only 21 other pitchers have appeared in more games

www.eddieguardado18.com

About ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!):

ACT Today! is a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to raise awareness and provide treatment services and support to families to help their help children with autism achieve their full potential. In 2010, ACT Today! launched ACT Today! for Military Families, the first national program to address the unique needs of the 1 in 88 military families impacted by autism.

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