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**DKR FUND 2018 4TH & GOAL GALA RETURNS FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT
SEPTEMBER 21 AT ACL LIVE AT THE MOODY THEATER**

HIT TV SERIES "NASHVILLE" STARS TO PERFORM

TICKETS ON SALE TODAY THROUGH ACL LIVE

(AUSTIN, TX) - Cherished University of Texas Football Coach, the late, great Darrell K Royal, will be remembered and his legacy celebrated at the DKR Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease 4th & Goal Gala at ACL Live at The Moody Theater on September 21, 2018. The DKR Fund is a research fund granted solely to Texas-based institutions in efforts to research and learn more about the cause and effects of Alzheimer's disease. The gala will feature entertainment by stars of the hit TV Show *Nashville* and benefit UT Austin and UTSW O'Donnell Brain Institute neurological research in the areas of traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, related disorders, and the Edith T. Royal Caregiver Endowment for Family Support and Education. In 2016, the gala raised \$1.2M for Alzheimer's research.

The evening's festivities will include a red-carpet arrival, casual cocktail and dinner party, a silent and live auction, Nine Banded Whiskey "Meet and Greet" and performances by cast members from the television show *Nashville*.

Nashville stars **Charles "Chip" Esten** (Deacon), **Chris Carmack** (Will) and **Jonathan Jackson** (Avery) will perform at the gala. These incredibly talented *Nashville* cast members performed in London at Royal Albert Hall as well as in the U.K. last summer to sold-out shows. Attendees will be treated to top hits from *Nashville* as well as cover music we all know and love. Tickets are on sale June 8 at 10AM CST and available to the public at <http://acl-live.com/calendar/dkr-2018>.

- **Charles "Chip" Esten**. Hailing from Alexandria, VA, Esten has enjoyed a successful career in the music, film and television industry. He is best known for his role on *Nashville* as Deacon Claybourne. In addition to *Nashville*, he has appeared on *Whose Line is it Anyway?* and *The Office*. Esten has performed at music festivals all over the world, including the CMA Fest in Nashville. In 2017, to kick off CMA fest, he united with other country musicians, such as Brad Paisley, to raise awareness for Alzheimer's Disease at the inaugural Disco Party benefiting the Alzheimer's Association. <https://caa.box.com/v/CharlesEsten> Instagram and twitter: @charlesesten



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- **Chris Carmack.** Born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Maryland, Carmack is known for popular roles on The C.W.'s *The O.C.* as Luke Ward, CMT's *Nashville* as Will Lexington, as well as a cameo appearance in *Desperate Housewives*. He's had a booming career in the modeling and acting worlds, and made his theatrical debut in *Summer and Smoke*. <http://chriscarmackmusic.com/>
Instagram and twitter: @realcarmack



- **Jonathan Jackson.** Jackson grew up in Battle Ground, Washington, and is the son of Dr. Rick "Ricky Lee" Jackson, who was also a country musician. Jackson is well known for his roles on *Nashville* as Avery Barkley, *General Hospital* as Lucky Spencer and *Tuck Everlasting* as Jesse Tuck. https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cobuy7bh2e1scif/AABbxYt1jwIC08X4e1o_eSqla?dl=0 Instagram: @jonathanjacksonhq Twitter: @jonathanjackson



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