

Dawson Is Featured Guest at Pitch & Hit Club Banquet

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Hall of Fame outfielder Andre Dawson will be the featured guest at the 66th annual Pitch and Hit Club of Chicago awards banquet, which will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Carlisle Banquet Hall in Lombard.

Dawson is one of six major league players with at least 300 home runs and 300 stolen bases in his career. As a member of the Cubs, he was selected National League Most Valuable Player in 1987, in which he hit 49 home runs and drove home 137 runs.

Local actor-comedian Mike Toomey will emcee the event.

In addition to a silent auction of sports memorabilia and other prizes, current and former professional athletes will be on hand to sign autographs prior to the dinner.

Proceeds will benefit several baseball-related organizations, including Cubs Care, White Sox Charities and the Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation.

Tickets are \$100 each or \$1,000 for a table of 10 and can be purchased by phone (708-805-1928) or e-mail (bventuri@aol.com).