FOSTER & ADOPTIVE CARE COALITION

Ninth Annual Old Bags event
by bill barrett

WHERE: Frontenac Hilton
WHY: To help Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition create permanency in every foster child's life by recruiting and supporting their foster and adoptive families through crisis intervention, educational services and support groups.

WHO: Co-chairs Holly Denehy and Connie Lohr; board members, including president John Phillips; and the nonprofit's executive director, Melanie Schaefer.

HIGHLIGHTS: A huge 'girls' night out' with specialty drinks, nibbles and chocolates, surprises in honor of the Coalition's 25th anniversary, and a silent auction with amazing handbags among other goodies.

THOMPSON FOUNDATION

It's In the Cards Auction
by midge greenberg

WHERE: The Renaissance Grand Hotel
WHY: Proceeds from the event help improve the lives of families and individuals challenged by autism and other neurological disorders.

WHO: Founders Bill and Nancy Thompson, Gov. Jay Nixon, Mizzou Chancellor Bowen Loftin, Don Sorensen, Al Eberhard, John Rooney and Dr. Steve Kanne.

HIGHLIGHTS: A cocktail reception kicked off the evening, which was followed by a silent auction and sit-down dinner.