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**ST. LOUIS RAMS PLAYER ROBERT THOMAS
PARTNERS WITH LOCAL McDONALD'S RESTAURANTS**

Thomas Takes Time Out to Help Seriously Ill Children

WHAT: St. Louis Rams Linebacker Robert Thomas will take time out from football practice to give a private tour of Rams Park to more than 70 young patients from St. Louis/Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospitals. As a part of the Robert Thomas Foundation, Robert spends time with young patients at both local children's hospitals. Through these visits, Thomas has created many lasting memories and relationships with the patients and their families.

This evening's event marks the second scheduled outing for Thomas' Team and McDonald's. Together, Thomas' Team and McDonald's Restaurants of St. Louis/Metro East provide smiles, experiences and memories that last a lifetime for these special young people.

After the private tour of Rams Park, the young patients will be treated to dinner, courtesy of McDonald's Restaurants and will depart at 6:00 to attend a movie in Creve Coeur.

WHEN: **Tuesday, October 12, 2004, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Rams Park, One Rams Way, Earth City

WHO: St. Louis Rams Linebacker Robert Thomas and young patients from St. Louis Children's/Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospitals. McDonald's Characters, Grimace and Hamburglar will also make a special appearance.

This summer, Thomas partnered with McDonald's Restaurants of St. Louis/Metro East by hosting a football camp for area youth in our community.

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