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## Curtis Granderson, other Tigers bachelors to be auctioned off

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*Detroit* -- Curtis Granderson, Edwin Jackson and Ryan Perry are officially for sale.

But Tigers fans need not worry. They're not leaving the team. It's all for a good cause.

Thursday night, Granderson is holding a wine tasting and live bachelor auction at Big Rock Chophouse in Birmingham to benefit his Grand Kids Foundation, which supports education initiatives in Detroit and other Michigan cities.

"We actually had similar ideas in the past," Granderson said. "I've been bid on before to go to a kid's school, to go to kids' practice, to do batting practice here at a school. All different type of auction items, raffle prizes. So why not something just a little bit different where an individual can bid, a family can bid, even a group can bid. But another way to help raise money for the foundation. Just different things to make it more exciting than your typical golf outing and bowling outing."

Granderson, 28, Jackson, 25, and Perry, 22, are the participating bachelors.

How did Granderson convince the other two to join him in the auction?

"I think Curtis called me when I was kind of sleeping and he asked me and I just agreed to something," Jackson said, laughing. "I don't think I really knew what I was getting into."

Jeff Dye, who finished third in Season 6 of NBC's "Last Comic Standing," will perform and be the auctioneer.

"We have a comedian, very clean -- that's one of his stakes to fame, he's funny and clean," Granderson said. "So it will be appropriate for all ages, genders and races. Everybody will be enjoying the evening."

The winner of the auction will receive a dinner for two with the bachelor of choice.


For those more interested in the wines than the auction, Granderson promises a wide variety.

"We have 300 wines from five different continents, which is an amazing thing to get a chance to see where wines come from and how they pair, learn a little something," he said. "With all my different travels I've done throughout baseball, what better way to do it as a passport of the world of wines? I've been to South Africa, there will be South African wines. I've been to Europe, there will be wines from Europe. Of course throughout the United States here and the state of Michigan. And it might influence people to want to travel to all these different places."

VIP tickets are \$135 and include a reception, special wines and a souvenir wine glass. General admission tickets are \$85 and include entry to the event, which features tasting of over 300 wines and Big Rock Chophouse brews and appetizers. The VIP reception starts at 6:30 p.m. and the main event at 7:30. The bachelor auction is set for 8:45. Tickets can be purchased at [www.curtisgranderson.com/passport](http://www.curtisgranderson.com/passport).

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