

Inqlings: For Akers, a cause with a catch

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Tony Bennett (left) and Mitch Albom chat with Rocco Fiorentino, 12, after the premiere party for Albom's book "Have a Little Faith" at the Park Hyatt at the Bellevue. Rocco will host Eagles kicker David Akers for an event at his middle school Tuesday.

Eagles kicker David Akers can probably knock an extra point through the uprights blindfolded. As for the quality of his throwing arm, we'll find out Tuesday when Akers plays catch blindfolded with Voorhees Middle School students wearing simulation glasses to experience being visually impaired.

Akers says he took the gambit to stress the importance of respecting people with disabilities. Host will be student Rocco Fiorentino, 12, namesake of the Little Rock Foundation. (Rocco, blind since birth, has a side career as a jazz singer.) The Eagles Youth Partnership will have its Eagles Eye Mobile there.

"I have been involved with the Little Rock Foundation for many years, and I still learn something new all the time, which I am sure will happen on Tuesday when I am blindfolded and will be throwing some footballs around," Akers says.