

## IDEAS FOR AUCTION ITEMS

Every family has a commitment to donate or procure items, services or advertising worth a total value of \$500. At first glance, this can seem daunting, but with a little imagination and effort, you'd be surprised at what you can come up with. To help get your generous imaginative juices flowing, we have compiled a list of popular and possible suggestions for gifts for our auction, To Dream the Impossible Dream:

**VACATION HOMES.** Trips are one of the most sought-after items at our auctions. Let us know if you or a friend or family member have a vacation home or time share and would like to donate a weekend or week's stay.

**WINE.** Please be sure to donate a bottle of wine to the "Wine Cellar" that will be auctioned off as a block. Wines at all price points are welcome.

**RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATES.** Anything from McDonalds to Parkway Grill.

**TICKETS TO A SHOW, CONCERT OR SPORTING EVENT:** Lakers, Dodgers, Hollywood Bowl, Disney Concert Hall, Pasadena Playhouse, San Gabriel Civic Auditorium, etc.

**GARDEN ITEMS,** especially planters, topiaries, statuary.

**CHILDREN'S ITEMS.** Bikes, skateboards, electronics, school supplies, aquariums, Disneyland tickets, puppies, game tables.

**ANYTHING SPANISH**

**FRAMED ART, JEWELRY, COLLECTIBLES.** Prints, delarobias, china and pottery

**THEMED BASKETS:** Day at the beach: load a cooler with sunscreen, towel, bucket and shovel, kadima, etc.

Day at the park: load a wagon with picnic items or sports equipment.

Night at the Hollywood Bowl: picnic basket with wine, bottle opener, cheese, crackers, etc.

Night at Home: DVDs, popcorn, fleece throw.

Men's Night: Poker chips, cigars and scotch.

Basket full of children's classic books.

**"MANLY" ITEMS.** Often there's not much for the "real men" at these events. Think tools, electronics, automotive accessories.

**PERSONAL TRAINER OR SPORT INSTRUCTION.** Some of us need to be beaten into shape.

**"HIGH MAINTENANCE."** Haircuts, manicures, pedicures, massages, teeth whitening, facials ....

***Do you find it difficult to solicit or donate items?*** Try these services, or think of your own talents and interests and a way to package them for our auction:

**THEMED PARTIES,** especially packaged as birthday parties for children, such as tea parties, bread baking, Irish Dance, reptiles, magicians, scrap booking, etc.

COOKING CLASSES FOR A PARTICULAR CUISINE (e.g., Indian, Peruvian) or method, (e.g., baking, rice cooker, cake decorating).

HIGH SCHOOLERS donate your time and energy to baby-sit, do yard work, get together with a friend and serve and clean at a dinner party, provide life-guarding at a pool party.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT PARTIES. Do you sing opera, reggae? Are you part of a band or classical quartet?

MUSIC LESSONS. Violin, organ, guitar, piano.

DINNER PARTIES. In the past we've had Italian, Peruvian, Indian, Napa, Blue Crab, Christmas in Williamsburg. The possibilities are endless.

ADVERTISEMENTS. Please talk with all the people with whom you do business, and ask if they would like to buy an ad in our auction catalogue. Take the donor form and introductory letter along (they're available under Giving/April in Paris on our website). It is effective to leave both forms, along with a stamped envelope addressed to the school, so the business contact can consider your request and mail in the ad any time before April 1.

TRIBUTES. Salute that important person in your life with a tribute ad in the auction catalogue. Messages such as "Congratulations, graduate! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad" will be so meaningful to that special someone. Tribute ads can be quarter-page (\$50), half-page (\$125), or whole-page (\$250). Copy must be received by January 10 to make the catalogue.