

## Parent Donation Ideas!

- Host a party! Some ideas: Pirates Feast, On the Bayou, Cinco de Mayo, Full Moon, Movie Night, Newlywed Game, Valentine, Holiday, Halloween, Martini, Poker Night, Harvest, or Oscars party!
- Host a cookie baking party for ten children at your home
- Ask your handyman, contractor, plumber, gardener or housekeeper to donate their services to the auction.
- Take four children out to movies and ice cream
- Donate a basket full of children's books
- Donate a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant or store
- Plan a child's theme party...birthday, end-of-year, holiday or Halloween. Include invitations, decorations, music, games, cake, goodie bags & thank you cards.
- Share a talent you have - offer tennis or golf lessons, music lessons, tutor a child in reading or math
- Wrap someone's Christmas presents for them!
- Dinner for a Year . . . Winner gets dinner cooked and delivered to their home once a month (organize with six other moms - then you only have to cook and deliver twice a year)
- Cash in on your airline miles and donate them to the auction. We will be auctioning off some fantastic trips and can use the tickets to put together a more complete vacation package.
- Sports tickets with a tailgate party ... If you have any season tickets, offer 2-4 tickets and then host a tailgate party for the lucky winners!!
- Make-over a bedroom, bathroom or garden!

## Wine Drop

Everyone can be a "High Roller" for the Auction this year! This is your chance to win big for our kids. Simply donate a bottle of your favorite wine (\$20 value). It's a simple and inexpensive way to contribute. 100% of the proceeds from our wine sales will go back to our kids. Drops will be on Wednesdays and begin on Feb. 8th at Jenny Diehl's house at 70 Stoddard Place. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE! Stay tuned, there's more info to follow! Questions? Contact Jenny Diehl at 838-7024.

### FOR SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

Portland Trailblazer tickets  
Tickets to a Seattle Mariner's game  
Golf tournament tickets  
"Blazers Owner for a Day"  
Winter Hawks tickets  
Golf clubs  
Sky box at PGE Park for Portland Beaver's game  
Signed sports memorabilia  
Pool table  
Basketball hoop  
Air hockey table  
Foos-ball table  
Ping-pong table  
"Take me out to the Ballgame" package

### FOOD INDULGENCES

Desserts from around the world  
British "high tea" experience  
Cookie gift basket  
Cookies for a year  
Sushi dinner catered at the Portland Japanese Gardens for 10-20 people  
Sunday champagne brunch for 10-20 people  
"Dinner on the town" package – 12 restaurant gift certificates to sample various restaurants in Portland throughout the year  
Sushi gift pack

#### FOR THE LOVE OF PETS

"Love my dog" gift package  
"Love my cat" gift package  
Large aquarium  
Pet portrait session  
Pet sitting  
Pet lodging  
Pet costumes

#### FUN FOR ADULTS

Evening of swing dancing at the Crystal Ballroom  
Austin Powers "shagadelic"/mod- 60's party  
Austin Powers package  
"Men's Night on the Town" package  
Helicopter flight lessons  
Airplane flight lessons  
Sky-diving experience  
"Relive your prom night" experience  
Leather briefcase  
Women's handbag  
Sailing lessons  
Windsurfing lessons  
Jet ski/wave runner  
Custom-made evening gown  
Nice crafted chess set  
Mountain bike  
One year of parking in downtown Portland  
Hummer rental for a week  
Vespa  
Patriotic package  
Scary movie collection  
Drama movie collection  
1980's gift package  
1970's gift package  
1960's gift package  
1950's gift package  
Tropical tiki bar kit

#### FOR PHOTOGRAPHY LOVERS

Portrait photography packages  
Framed photos  
Photography lessons  
Digital camera  
Film developing for a year

#### VIVA LAS VEGAS THEME

Elvis impersonator show in your home  
Las Vegas art/photos  
Slot machine  
Poker table/kit  
Las Vegas "survival kit"

#### LOCAL GETAWAYS

Hike through the Columbia Gorge with an experienced leader  
Hot air balloon adventure over wine country  
Seattle Art Museum  
Seattle music experience  
Bandon (Southern Oregon Coast) golf package  
Flying "M" Ranch cabin & "steak-fry ride"  
Columbia Gorge getaway  
McMenamin's Edgefield getaway  
Seattle's Murder Mystery Train  
Victoria B.C.  
San Juan Islands  
Sun River  
Ashland Shakespeare Festival  
Leavenworth, WA Oktoberfest celebration  
River rafting adventure  
Whistler getaway  
Southern Oregon wine tasting tour  
Shasta Lake houseboating vacation

#### SHOWS & EVENTS

Oregon Ballet Theater season tickets  
Opera season tickets  
Concert tickets  
Movie passes for a year

#### FOR ART ENTHUSIASTS

Hand-blown glass art  
Paintings  
Quilts  
Sculptures  
Caricature drawings  
Wood crafts

#### FOR GARDEN LOVERS

Gardening gift package  
Patio & garden dream makeover  
Garden design consultations

#### HEALTH & BEAUTY

Year of organic vegetables  
Time management seminar  
"Pamper Mom" package  
Oxygen therapy sessions  
Water massage sessions  
"His & Hers" luxurious spa robes  
Lasik Laser Vision correction  
Fitness memberships  
State-of-the-art health scan  
Makeup gift package  
Nutritional program for a healthy heart  
Chiropractic sessions  
Acupuncture sessions  
Relaxation/Zen package

#### FOR THE KIDS

Baby gift basket  
Young artist's basket  
Kid's themed bedroom set  
Karate lessons  
Taekwondo lessons  
Classroom pizza party  
Classroom ice cream party  
Nickolodeon "Green Slime" package  
Face painting at a birthday party  
Tennis lessons  
Ballet lessons  
Astronomy package  
Harry Potter gift package  
Party rentals  
Mountain bike  
Summer pool party  
Pre-constructed playhouse  
Fire Station Party  
Arcade-style video game  
"Girls Sleepover Party" package  
Scrapbooking kit  
Summer camps  
Doll house  
Miniature car  
Vintage toy package  
Wild animal package  
Dinosaur package  
Sponge Bob package  
Hillary Duff package  
Board game collection

Disney princess package  
Ballerina package

#### FOR THE TEENAGERS

Teen jewelry collection  
Skateboarding package  
Spend a day with a zoologist  
Electric scooter  
Figure skating lessons  
Lord of the Rings gift package  
Laser tag  
Ski lessons  
Snowboarding lessons  
Super Hero DVD collection  
Dorm room survival kit

#### ELECTRONICS

MP3 player  
Plasma or LCD television  
Notebook computer  
Digital camera  
Video camcorder  
Satellite radio

#### HOUSE PERFECT

Home décor  
Interior design consultation  
Hard wood floors & installation  
Crown molding & installation  
Hand-sewn drapes  
Artwork  
Lamps  
Rugs

#### ISN'T IT ROMANTIC!

Flowers for a year  
Chocolates  
Romantic CD collection  
Romantic movie collection  
Romantic book collection  
“Get out of the doghouse” package  
Sunset dinner on the Portland Spirit  
Swarovski champagne glasses

#### FOR BOOK LOVERS

Themed book gift baskets  
Mystery

Science  
Poetry  
Crime  
Shakespeare  
Classics

#### CELEBRITY ENCOUNTERS

Behind-the-scenes tour at a TV studio  
Dinner or lunch with a celebrity  
Autographs  
Broadcast experience

#### FOR WINE CONNISSEURS

Wine packages  
Vineyard tours  
Custom wine labels for a special occasion  
Hot air balloon ride over wine country

#### FAMILY FUN

Mother-daughter adventure  
Father-son adventure  
“Zip line” adventure  
Horseback riding  
Theme park tickets  
Tickets to a water park  
Ski Bowl package  
Portland Zoo annual membership  
Private screening at Omni Theater  
Free NetFlix movie rentals for a year

#### MUSIC TO MY EARS!

Basket with various CDs  
Concert tickets  
Piano  
Guitar  
Violin  
Flute  
Saxophone  
Mandolin  
Drums

#### FOR JEWELRY LOVERS

Necklace  
Watch  
Bracelet  
Ring

Earrings  
Jewelry-making party

## SERVICES

Complete auto detail  
Self-defense classes  
Interior design consultation  
Orthodontic package  
Full auto service/tune-up  
Dry cleaning services for a year  
Financial consultation  
Consultation with an architect

## General Ideas

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- Show your audience how to give, by having several giveaways - free food, drinks, appetizers, desserts, door prizes.
- If you need to charge for food at your auction, ask for a donation, not a fixed price.
- Use a goal chart to show current sale totals during the auction. This raises excitement to see the progress of the money being raised. Giveaway prizes as certain milestones are met.
- Set up an area to give cash donations only. Not everyone who comes will find an item to buy, but they still might be willing to donate money.
- Don't show retail values of your items. If a person knows the value of an item, they are less likely to bid above that value.
- At checkout, ask if they would like to round up (or give an additional donation).
- Start your silent auction items at a minimum, a percentage of the retail value (recommended 50% or higher).
- Put minimum bid increments on your silent auction items based on its value. Use higher increments on higher value items.
- Ask donors if they would like to give a cash donation instead of an item. This way, the money can be used to purchase specific items that will sell well on your auction.
- Have someone speak to remind your bidding audience what they are here for... not to get a deal, but to raise funds.
- Giveaway something big at the end of the auction to help keep people there (ie. tuition voucher)

## Theme Ideas

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- Refer to your event as a Fund-Raiser or Benefit Auction.
- Celebrate *{your organization}* ... make it bright and festive with lots of balloons.
- 50's Rock around the Clock ... this can be a lot of fun for the older generation, as well as the young.
- Hawaiian Luau & Pig Roast ... this is uplifting in cold weather climates.
- Black & White Gala ... make it a formal affair.

## Item Ideas

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- Make classroom/group theme baskets. Examples are Chocolate Lovers; Gardeners; Outdoorsman; Coffee/Tea; Rainy Day Activity; Books; Spa/Beauty; Automotive Care; Creative Memories, Movies
- Have several perishable items such as bake goods, getaways, certificates, services. Many people want to donate, but don't want to take home a non-perishable item (art, memorabilia, housewares,

- toys).
- Buy an Auctioneer ... Auction off the opportunity to pick an auctioneer from the audience to auction off an item. This can be a lot of fun and raise a lot of money.
  - Teacher Outings ... Teachers offer a special outing with them with one or more students. This can be sold as raffle tickets or to the highest bidder.
  - Auction off a funny event to happen at the auction. An example would be a 'pie in face', the person with the highest bid gets to throw the pie. Shave a person's head if enough money is raised.
  - Money Box ... Pass around a cash donation box to be auctioned off later.
  - Front row reserved parking for a week, month or year.
  - Plane ride or Hot Air Balloon ride
  - Tickets ... theater; movies; concerts; sports; amusement parks;
  - Pamper the Wife ... Give her a day off and let someone else clean while she gets a spa, pedicure & manicure
  - Services ... carpet cleaning; car detailing; lawn care; house cleaning; babysitting
  - Pampered Fan of the year ... free admissions, reserved parking & seating, concessions for a sport season
  - Health care packages - messages; spas; facials; beauty care packages; tanning certificates
  - Front row reserved seating to special events at your organization (ie. Graduation, Christmas or Easter programs, Sports)
  - Lunches with key people ... pastors; principles; teachers;
  - Homemade cheesecake ... everyone loves cheesecake
  - 1 Dozen Roses ... let her know that you think she's the best wife
  - Loaves of bread with money inside.
  - Gardening ... flower bulbs; vegetable seeds; bird seeds
  - Cooking lessons
  - Dessert every month ... a new dessert made every month for a year.
  - Hunting gear ... gloves; knives; scopes; guns; deer processing
  - Handcrafted student made items ... scarves, platters; hand-print quilt, garden stones
  - Golf packages, bucket of practice balls, certificates to practice ranges
  - Bake goods made by key people in the organization
  - Cookies every month made by the students in class
  - Store Gift Certificates ... groceries; bakery; tanner
  - Restaurant Gift Certificates
  - Principle for a Day
  - Romantic Weekend Getaways ... Hotel with hot tubs; bed & breakfast; secluded cabin
  - Landscape services ... bark; fill dirt; spring cleanup; perennials; shrubs; brick paving
  - Automotive gift certificates ... oil change; car wash; tire rotation; 1 yr service
  - Tools ... cordless drill; air compressor; grinder
  - Cleaning services
  - Tires ... everyone needs or will need tires for the automobile
  - Autographed sport balls by your organization ... basketball; football; baseball; volleyball
  - Romance your wife package ... night out to the symphony and dinner
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  - Pro sports memorabilia with certificate of authenticity ... signed balls; signed jerseys
  - Home theater system ... receiver; speakers and subwoofer; big screen TV
  - LCD Computer Monitor ... a hot technology item right now
  - Laptop ... a hot technology item right now
  - Basket of gourmet foods
  - Birthday party packages
  - Auction off 3 TV remotes, the remote that turns on the TV wins it
  - Rent out the school gymnasium for December 25
  - Maid for a Day ... Someone to do 8 hours of thorough cleaning. Material cost extra.
  - Handyman for a Day ... Someone to do 8 hours of small home repairs. Material cost extra.

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