



## *Need an idea to donate to the Auction?*

We know you have something to offer! Here are some ideas- maybe one seems perfect for you or nudges your imagination.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

People love experiences- they want to get to know you and each other!

The holidays are coming. Theme baskets make great gifts.

Low cost items are popular and let us all participate.

Don't forget our children and youth! Can we include some treasures for them?

**Tours-** Do you have an interest or some expertise to make a tour more interesting? Museums (art, history, culture, science), the National Arboretum, an historic home, Harper's Ferry, Naval Academy...

**Tickets-** Concerts, shows, sports, theme parks. Pair these with a tailgate basket or an Uber gift certificate for an even better experience.

**Vacations-** Do you have a vacation home, timeshare or AirBnB to offer for a week or a weekend?

**Day Trips-** biking, caving, hiking, fishing, boating...

**Lessons-** What can you share? Computer skills, photography, sports, yoga, knitting, quilting, music, crafts, art, juggling, cooking...there are so many things to know!

**Food-** Everyone loves food! What's that recipe that everyone asks you to make? Make it and deliver it, once or for several months. Soup, quiche, cookies, candy, homemade bread, an English high tea, an ethnic dinner, fruit or vegetables from your garden, something special for National Pi day (3/14), National Ice Cream Day (7/21) or another special day.

**Parties-** Can you host a party? BBQ, pool party, game night, brunch, picnic, birthday party, themed party? You decide how many you can host, how long the party will last, and what you will supply.

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**Services-** these can be a godsend for busy people! Cleaning, organizing, gift wrapping, rides to the airport or to appointments, babysitting, errands, personal assistant work, massage, garden work, light handyman jobs, snow shoveling. What do you wish someone else would do for you?

**Baskets-**these are perfect presents! Plus, they're pretty. Put together a basket of beer, wine, gift cards, lottery tickets, baby supplies, pet supplies, spa items, sports items, art supplies, food items...

**Art-** Jewelry, pottery, framed art, quilts/wall hangings. Items should be in excellent condition. (No faded posters, please!)

**Collectables-** Coins, baseball cards, vintage Barbies...Now we're getting to the iffy items. These may or may not sell depending on this year's buyers, but you might have just what someone wants.

**Household items, furniture, sports equipment-** These should also be in excellent condition. (No corroded appliances or dilapidated furniture, please!)

## *Still stumped?*

Come brainstorm with someone on the FUNdraising Committee:

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