



Frequently Asked Questions about Auction Procurement

- Q: How do I know if my favorite store has already given to the auction?**
- a. You may check the auction link on the NCA web site AND don't be afraid to ask the donor again. If you are a valued customer, the donor may be willing to give more.
- Q: I'm new in town. Where should I go to procure?**
- a. Where you shop, get your hair cut, take your dog to be groomed, have your car fixed, etc. There are hundreds of businesses that have not been asked yet. Don't assume that your favorite places have already given to our auction.
- Q: How far north or south can I go to procure?**
- a. For tangible items, you can go anywhere. We'll take any tangible item. Gift certificates hold the most value if they are to a local store, or to a place that people would travel to use them. For example, any theatre or sports experience, spas, resorts, travel, etc. are valuable.
- Q: I procured an item! Now what do I do with it?**
- a. There is a large bin next to the auction table in the lobby where items can be placed.
- Q: I have a gift certificate and some cash. Do those go in the bin?**
- a. Please give any cash, checks or gift certificates to our receptionists at the front desk and they will take care of them for you.
- Q: Do I need to put together a basket of related items?**
- a. We have some very experienced volunteers who know how to do this to group items together to give items the most value. Bring in your items and we'll package them for you!
- Q: I have my child in Before and/or After School Care. Can I give my item to the ladies in charge?**
- a. Yes, you may. Please tell them you are dropping off an item. You may also give items to our staff when you drop your children off for school.
- Q: I have a great idea for an item, but I haven't seen it listed yet. Do I have to stick with the suggested donation ideas?**
- a. No!! The items listed are only ideas successful at previous auctions. Be creative!
- Q: I am not comfortable with procuring. Am I able to bring someone with me?**
- a. Of course! Gather after you drop your children off in the morning, get a latte from Javagators and head out. Invite others! It is a great way to make new friends. We will also be organizing some "procurement safaris" to go as a group. Please watch for dates/ times in the Navigator Notes or emails.
- Q: I don't have any time to procure, but I do have the means to make a cash donation. Would this be helpful?**
- a. Ideally, we would like everyone to do his or her part in procuring. However, cash donations are accepted and are tax-deductible because we are a non-profit.

We have some great ideas as to how to use the cash to procure some valuable items. Please contact Lisa Boscacci, Procurement Chair, at (425) 374-2928, email: boscacci4@hotmail.com or any auction committee member, or call the auction office at 425.322.2371.