

"Treasures of the Heart"

PTF Annual Auction 2009

**Don't know where to start in the procurement process?
Let us offer some assistance!**

Where do I get donations?

- Donate products/services/perks from your own business or place of employment.
- Donate your own time and talents.
- Encourage friends/relatives/business contacts to donate.
- Approach local businesses to request donations or advertisements.
- Give cash to the auction committee and let us stretch your dollar.
- Get together with another NCA family to put together a party or package.

I probably have some contacts, but I can't think of them. Help!

- Who cleans your house, windows, carpets, or does handyman work for you?
- Where do you shop frequently? Is there a salesperson, manager or owner you've become well acquainted with?
- Where do you get your nails or hair done, clothes altered/repaired/or cleaned?
- Is there a travel agent you know well? Do you have contacts in the hotel, airline, railway, or ship industries?
- Do you belong to any private clubs or time-shares?
- Do you have season tickets to sporting or art venues?
- Do you have a boat or home that is great for entertaining?
- Do you have any clients who would like to support NCA by donating a product or service, maybe even tickets to an exclusive event?

What talents might my family or I have that people would be interested in?

- Childcare – provide 8-10 hours of babysitting.
- Cleaning – offer to serve food and cleanup for someone's party.
- Cooking – cater a party at someone's home.
- Gardening – do some weeding, planting, pruning, etc.
- Organizing – offer to help clean out and organize a room or closet.
- Party Planning – plan a theme party and provide the supplies needed.
- Photography or Videography – take candid photos/videos of a special event or family gathering, or still photos for a Christmas card.
- Sewing – make a blanket, quilt, or custom window covering.
- Teaching – swim lessons, music lessons, and tutoring!
- Computers – we all love a computer expert!
- Car repairs – oil change, detailing, brakes, etc.

Now what do I do?

Determine whether the item or service you procure can stand alone as an individual item or whether it would sell well combined with other items. If it would sell better combined, try and procure something to complete the "basket."

Suggestion: Always keep a few procurement forms and NCA letters in your car. You wouldn't believe how many opportunities arise during your daily activities to ask someone for a donation. **(over)**

Below are a wide variety of suggestions for items to procure. Items that go for a lot of money at auctions are items that you could not go out and purchase yourself. What special connection do you have?

UNIQUE ITEMS

Air Combat Mission
Autographed Items
Chihuly Glass
Cord of Wood
Flowers for a Year
Golf School
Handmade Furniture
Handmade Quilts
Lattes for a Year
NW Stock Portfolio
Pet Sitting
Pinball Machine
Purebred Puppy
Vending Machine

THEME BASKETS

Babysitter Basket
Beach Necessities
Candle Lover's Basket
Coffee Lover's Basket
Family Video Night
For the Gardener
For the Gourmet
For Your Dog or Cat
Road Trip Basket
Parent's Little League
Survival Equipment
Parent's Soccer Season
Supplies
Picnic Basket
Relaxation Basket
Crafters Basket
When the Power is Out!
Guest Room Basket

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Cinco de Mayo Party
Girl's Weekend Away
Gourmet Cooking Class
Midnight Bowling Party
Mystery Dinner Party
New Year's Eve Party
Progressive Dinner
Road Rally

Scrapbooking Weekend
Skydiving
Space Needle Party
Tailgate Party
Water-ski Weekend

PHYSICAL ITEMS

Camera/Camcorder
Camping Equipment
Computer Equipment
DVD Player
Espresso Machine
Exercise Equipment
Gas Grill
Golf Clubs
Lawn Mower
Mountain Bike
MP3 Player
Palm Pilot
Play station or X-box
Scooter
Small Appliances
Stereo Systems
Television
Tools
Toys

TRAVEL

Airline Tickets
American Girl Museum
Bed & Breakfast Stays
Cabin Getaway
Cruise
Dude Ranch
Fishing Trip
Hunting Weekend
Golf Weekend
Leavenworth Weekend
Palm Springs
San Juan Islands
Snow Ski Weekend
Spring Training
Getaway
Sun Valley Vacation
Time Share

Tourist Attractions
Train Tickets
Whistler
World Series
Restaurants
Lake Chelan
Sun River

EXPERIENCES

Admission to a Private Club
San Juan Islands Air Tour
Athletic Club Membership
Backstage
Tours/Passes
Canoeing
Kayaking
Rock Climbing
Flight Simulator
Horseback Riding
Hot Air Balloon Ride
Limousine for an Evening
Lunch w/a local Celebrity
Game Tester for a day
River Rafting
Shopping Spree
Sports Event Tickets
Theater Tickets
TV Behind the Scenes Tour
Windsurfing Lessons
Extreme Makeover
Use of a Hot Rod or Antique Car for the Weekend
Dancing Lessons
Job Shadow