

2018 UUCWC Auction – Contribution Ideas and Information

Meals, events and services are popular things to offer for the auction. These may be as simple or as elaborate as you wish. Often contributors join forces with others to cohost an event or dinner, too. Or you may have some good physical items that you feel will be attractive to bidders.

Below are examples of auction contributions from the past that have been successful. But you are not limited to what has been done before. Feel free to be creative. You can set a fixed price or minimum bid for contributions to be sure the church is getting full value.

How can you contribute? An online Contribution form is available on the Spring Auction page under the Giving tab on the church website. That is the fastest and best way to get your contribution into the auction book for people to plan their bidding. Or, find printed forms in the lobby or contact the auction team at auction@uucwc.org.

Contribution deadline. This year, we need auction contribution forms with descriptions no later than **April 1**, so we can include the descriptions of all meals, events and items in the auction book available on April 15. You can submit a contribution at the link on the UUCWC website under Giving/Spring Auction and click on Auction Contribution Form – 2018 in the upper left. Or go directly to the form at <http://www.uucwc.org/spring-auction/auction-contribution-form-2018/>.

Examples of past auction contributions

Food: We all love to eat. Some of us love to cook too. Always popular are *dinners or other culinary events* that can be scheduled throughout the year. Not able to host a whole dinner? No problem. *Co-host with others or offer a special dish as a carry in*, or offer to join the winners for a dinner at a restaurant. *Chili, lasagna, soup, special cakes, pie, holidays cookies, or bread* to name just a few. This is a way to share with others the things that you love to cook.

Events/Activities: Do you have a *favorite place, event, festival, museum, concert, art show* or other attraction that you like to attend yourself? Consider offering *passes or host someone at an event* or activity that you enjoy. Could you offer a *week or weekend in your vacation home*? This is a very popular item and a great fund raiser for the church.

Games/Sports: Offering to lead activities, like *biking, tennis, fishing, hiking, golf, canoeing and kayaking* are great auction items. Or *indoor card/board games, movies and parties* are good for the less athletic. What do you like to do for fun that others would like to participate in, too?

Skills to Share or Teach: Do you have a skill or interest that others would find useful or are interested in learning to do? Some examples from recent years are learning about *Medicare Supplement Plans, beginning knitting, Chinese cooking, woodworking, beading/jewelry making, yoga, meditation, bread, pie crust or pierogi making*. The possibilities are endless.

Service/Help: People need lots of help around the house. Services like *yard work, spring cleaning, pet sitting, child care, closet or garage organizing, house sitting and computer or technology services* are all things that help people in their daily lives and may not cost you money out of pocket.

See any Auction Team member to talk about contributing or call or email auction co-chairs Connie Schofer, Barbara Drew or Lynda Shapiro at auction@uucwc.org and they will help you.