**2023 UUCWC Spring Auction – Online April 29 – May 6 Contribution Ideas and Information**

Food, events, gift cards, and custom services are popular things to offer for the auction.

**How can you contribute?**  An online Contribution form is available on the church website under the Giving tab through the Spring Auction page. Or, you may contact the auction team at auction@uucwc.org.

**Contribution deadline**. Auction contribution forms with descriptions no later than **March 31**, so we can include the descriptions in the auction book available April 16th; it is also posted on the church website. You can submit a contribution from using the link on the UUCWC website under Giving/Spring Auction.

**Physical Items**: Since this is not a yard sale, we ask that ask that physical items be in **like-new** condition and be **worth at least $25**. Please note that we are not able to accept art or large furniture.

***Examples of past auction contributions – with pandemic-safe modifications***

**Events and Social Gatherings**: We expect hosts to follow the CDC guidelines in effect at the time of the event. Feel free to be creative! Some tech assistance is available, and some examples are below.

**Food**: We all have to eat! Always popular: ***dinners – either delivered or offered as a culinary event*** can be scheduled throughout the year.

* ***Outdoor dining*** is always popular.
* Consider ***Co-hosting*** a meal with others
* Offer a ***special or custom dish*** as a delivered item (chili, cheesecake, baked goods, soups/stews, etc!)
* Offer to host and join the winners for a ***dinner at a restaurant***.

**Activities/Events**:  Do you have a ***favorite place, festival, museum, concert, playhouse, art show*** or other attraction that you like to attend yourself?

* Consider offering ***passes or host someone at an activity*** that you enjoy.
* Could you offer a cover the costs of ***special get-away to a scenic attraction***, or offer a ***week or weekend in your vacation home***? This is a very popular item and a great way to raise funds for the church.
* Socially distanced alternatives include: ***road rally or barn tour concluding with to-go picnic, summer scavenger hunt for families, remote zoom travelogue presentations, pet photo contest (dress ups, owner look-alikes etc.)***

**Games/Sports**:  Offer to lead small group outdoor activities that you enjoy such as

* Host activities such as ***biking, tennis, fishing, hiking, golf, canoeing and kayaking***.
* Host ***online versions of card/board games, trivia, bingo, poker, movies and parties***, which are good for the less athletic.

**Skills or Services to Share or Teach**:  Perhaps you learned a new craft or skill during quarantine and would be willing to share online or in a small group such as:

* ***Technical and Spiritual workshops: Medicare Supplement Plans, Meditation, Yoga***
* ***Crafts: Knitting for beginners, Asian cooking, Woodworking, Beading/jewelry, Pie crust, etc.***

**Service/Help**:  People need lots of help around the house and lending your skills may not cost you money out of pocket but will be of great value to others.

* Provide ***online technology assistance***, ***yard work, spring cleaning, pet sitting, child care, closet or garage organizing, and house sitting***

**See any Auction Team member to talk about contributing or call or email auction co-chairs**  Barbara Drew, Lori O’Neil, Jayme Trott and Marcia Wittmann at auction@uucwc.org and they will help you.