

Silent Auction Ideas/Wish List

Food & Drink, Cooking and Entertaining

- Gift certificates from local restaurants (both fine and casual)
- Fine bottle(s) of wine
- Single bottles of hard liquor (such as scotch)
- Themed “bar” baskets (for example, everything you need to make a martini: vodka (or gin), a shaker, martini glasses, olives, etc.)
- A sample pack of “exotic” beers
- Gift certificate from a make-and-take business (Let’s Dish, Mix it up, Hot Dish)
- Gift certificate for a cooking class
- Cookbooks
- Set of “good” kitchen knives
- Small (but somewhat fancy) kitchen appliances: a Kitchen Aid mixer, espresso machine
- Chocolate basket, coffee basket, bread basket, wild rice basket: any type of theme can work! Include actual product, gift certificates for product, ingredients and tools to make product, cookbooks – be creative!
- Gift certificate/basket from a local food co-op or food artisan (such as a chocolate, honey, cheese or wine maker)
- Dinner prepared by a local chef
- Certificate from a local brewery to learn how to make your own beer
- Set of wine glasses or barware
- Box of Cigars
- Wine lover basket – 12 bottles of wine (red & white), two-piece cheese knife set, cheese board, wine glass charms, coasters, cocktail napkins, air pressure cork remover, insulated picnic wine carrier (with napkins and glasses) – host a wine and cheese party for your friends

Kids

- Baby basket filled with lotion, powder, bibs, blanket, toys, etc.
- Set of children’s toys
- Set of children’s DVDs
- Playhouse (outdoor)
- Honorary bat kid at a Saints game
- Ride with Santa in the Holidazzle parade
- Gift certificate for admission to the Children’s Museum, Science Center or Minnesota Zoo
- Toy store gift certificates
- Gift certificate for a visit from Santa at your home
- Gift certificate for a clown at a birthday party
- Gift certificate for a pony at a birthday party
- Bicycle

Garden/Yard

- Gift certificate from a local nursery
- Gift certificate from a local florist (could be a single certificate or for a flower/plant a month)
- Garden bench
- Copper fire pit
- Garden sculpture
- Bird feeder and bird feed
- Gift certificate from a local landscaper

- Gift certificate for dirt, rock, mulch
- Gift certificate from a lawn service
- Use of a piece of heavy landscape equipment for a weekend
- Adirondack chairs
- Porch swing
- Patio furniture
- Lawn mower
- Snow blower
- BBQ grill
- Yard clean-up/gutter cleaning/window washing gift certificate

For Her

- Classic jewelry (for example, a pair of gold hoop earrings or a single strand of pearls).
- Gift certificate from a local jeweler
- Handmade jewelry
- Gift certificate for manicure, pedicure, massage, haircut, spa day
- Basket of spa/bath products (for example The Thymes, Crabtree and Evelyn)
- Basket of fine soaps, lotion, etc.
- Handmade/hand knit scarves
- Relaxation basket: bubble bath, aroma therapy candle, CD of quiet music, etc.
- Handbag from Coach, Brighton, etc.
- Stress reliever basket – Aveda items – hand and foot relief, calming body cleanser, soothing bath salts, smoothing body polish, bath bar, bath oil, hairbrush, herbal tea, chocolate and a candle
- Swedish Massage (e.g., LifeSpa at the Grand Hotel, Minneapolis)

Sports/Outdoors

- Tickets for a professional or college game: hockey, basketball, baseball, football,
- Memorabilia signed by professional players (baseball, bobble head, photo, jersey)
- Sports equipment: golf clubs, tennis racket, fishing rod, tackle box filled with lures
- Gift certificate for golf, diving, tennis, etc. lessons
- Gift certificate for round of golf at local club
- Guided fishing
- Ski lift ticket certificates
- Self Defense/martial arts
- Rock climbing lessons
- Yoga Classes
- Flag bearer at a MN Wild game & tickets to the game (for a kid 10-13 years old)
- BWCA Canoe Trip with a canoe guide
- Ride the Zamboni at a MN Wild game

House and Home

- Gift certificate for maid service
- Tool box filled with new tools
- Electronics: stereo system, iPod, television, etc.
- Set of CDs around a certain theme
- Digital camera or video camera
- iPod Shuffle MP3 player

- Artwork
- Gift certificate for a painting of your house
- Gift certificate for a room makeover
- Gift certificate for a session with a professional organizer
- Handyman gift certificate
- Box/bucket of “fancy” cleaning products (such as Mrs. Meyer’s or Caldrea – these are both based in Minnesota)
- Gift certificate from a local photographer
- Gift certificate for a craft class
- Handmade quilt or certificate for handmade quilt
- Electric tools
- Silk or dried floral arrangement
- Household items such as vases, bowls, platters, candlesticks, pillows
- Complete “table-top”: includes set of dishes for eight, table cloth, napkins, candle holders, silverware, crystal, etc.
- Gift certificates from local gift shops such as Bibelot or Patina
- Piano tuning
- Longaberger basket
- Dyson vacuum cleaner
- Use of a dumpster for a week
- Handmade afghan
- Martini Set (artistic, hand blown)
- Glass items (vases, martini set, lamps,
- Home repair & fix it basket – Mrs. Fix It guide to home repair, paint brush set, pan can opener, re-sealable paint can pour lid, drop cloth, plumbing repair kit, picture hanging kit, safety glasses, duct tape, electrical tape, masking tape, Teflon tape, wood filler, spackling and putty knives, sand paper and sanding block, super glue, caulk, caulk gun, paint and adhesive remover, WD 40 lubricant, wood glue, zip ties, 4 bungee cords, 5 spring clamps, suction hooks, trouble light, disposable gloves and masks, outdoor extension cord and holder with 3 way plug, tools: mallet, hammer, Phillips and flat head screwdrivers, interchangeable tip screwdriver and cordless driver, torpedo & laser levels, wrench set, Allen wrench set, vise wrench, needle nose pliers, plumbers pliers, mini hacksaw, utility knives, ratchet driver set, variety of nails, screws and toolbox

Just for Fun

- Tickets to local arts and culture events (music, theatre, dance, opera, museums etc)
- Gift certificate for dance lessons
- Downtown hotel stay
- Limo ride
- Horse-drawn carriage ride
- Hot air balloon ride
- Tour of a local winery with a private wine tasting
- Gift certificate for bowling
- Gift certificate for a bed and breakfast
- Small getaway packages
- Weekend in a cabin or condo (usually donated by someone associated with the organization)
- Favorite XXXXX: have board or committee members each contribute a favorite item around a certain theme: bottle of wine, book, game, pet product and then create a basket from the items
- A musical performance in your home
- Lunch in the garden and a private tour at the Minnesota Arboretum
- Dance lessons: learn to tango etc.

- Personal Shopper
- Private tour of... (get creative: Metrodome, Star Trib, etc.)
- Introductory Flight lessons
- Helicopter ride around cities

Miscellaneous

- Gift certificate for tax preparation
- Personal coaching sessions
- Teeth whitening gift certificate
- Basket of pet-related items
- Gift certificate for veterinary services
- Items signed by celebrities
- Gift certificates for car washes or detailing
- Paddleboat ride on St. Croix River