



Gala Dinner and Auction Giving Ideas

Below are different themed auction packages with a number of donation ideas under each one. Hopefully, this will help with determining what you might want to donate! Of course, you may also donate cash to go towards the purchase of a cool Live Auction package or even solicit auction items from businesses instead. If you have any questions regarding the items or have questions about your own ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me (**Tiana Mortimer, Executive Director**) at (281) 240-3800 office, ptm@fbbctx.org email or my cell at (281) 731-4164.

Restaurant Package (Live Auction potential)

The goal is to have 12 gift certificates (more would be good too!) to create a special date night for two (2) once a month for a year. Let's see a good mix of cuisines such as Italian, Mexican, Asian, sushi, French, Cajun, seafood, steak and more! Location doesn't matter much so any Katy, Richmond, Sugar Land and Houston area are great!

Handcrafted/Artisan

Do you or someone you know make handcrafted items? Beaded jewelry, pottery, woodworking, quilting, crocheting, knitting, painting, sewing, etc. ... items like these often do well because they cannot often be found in stores. If you have any connections, please contact them and see if they would be willing to donate! Antiques are good too!

Gaming/Electronics Heaven (Live Auction?)

The hottest electronics and games are always popular so if you can garner any donations of the items below ~ great!

- ~ Nintendo ~ Playstation ~ controllers, nunchucks, driver wheels
- ~ Nintendo DS with Nintendo DS games
- ~ Apple iPod with a certificate for some iTunes
- ~ ebook reader like the Kindle, Nook, etc.
- ~ cell phones ~ Xbox Kinect

Vacation Potential

Hotel stays, airline miles/flights, condo rentals, timeshares, camping gear, fishing trips, hunting trips, cruises, road trips and more. If you have connections, let us know!

Other Entertainment

Rodeo tickets, concert tickets, ballet, opera, symphony ... movie passes and even entertainment related items. Got any cool ideas to share? Let's hear them!

Personal Services

Private chef for a dinner party ... maid services ... hair cut and styling ... tanning ... handmade quilts/blankets/woodworking/jewelry and other items ... computer services ... tutoring ... music lessons ... tae kwan do/ karate/fencing/other sports lessons

Any help and/or connections is appreciated!

Sports Package (Live Auction Potential)

We would like to put together a sports package with tickets for a variety of Houston area teams.

~ Astros ~ Rockets ~ Dynamo ~ Texans ~ Skeeters

Sports tickets to any games would be great and any sports memorabilia would be good too, whether it is a signed ball or a sports jersey for a popular player.

If you or anyone you know has a pair of season tickets for a particular game or a game from a choice of dates, please ask!

Golf items, passes for rounds of golf, private golf lessons and any other golf "stuff" is welcome!

Family Entertainment (Big Board?)

We would like to put together a family entertainment package with a variety of activities. Here are things we are looking for:

- ~ board games ~ DVD movies ~ balls, Frisbees and other things that encourage family play
- ~ passes to family oriented places like The Children's Museum, Space Center Houston, Splashtown, Schlitterbahn, Houston Museum of Natural Science, movie theaters and anything else you can think of!
- ~ gift certificates to family friendly restaurants, frozen yogurt, etc.
- ~ gift certificates to entertainment places like Times Square Entertainment, Chucky Cheese, etc.

Superhero Theme

Since our Gala has a Superhero theme, we should pay homage to that! DVD movies and music CDs are good but anything goes here! Anything related to this theme is great! Even music related gifts would be good.

Spa Package (Live Auction if paired with other stuff like hotels, etc.)

- ~ gift certificates for massage, spa treatments, herbal wraps and other pampering items
- ~ spa products like soft robes, lotions, scrubs, etc.
- ~ aromatherapy products like candles and massage oils Anyone have ties to spa facilities like those in The Houstonian and other comparable places?

Other great ideas (especially for Big Board or silent auction) include rodeo packages, home improvement packages (design services, landscaping, trees, tools, home décor, etc.), themed food baskets (cooking lessons, product, tools, etc), Pampered Chef/Tupperware/Avon/Arbonne/other home based products baskets, cool power tools and appliances, jewelry & accessories, etc.