

BCPO 2010 Scholarship Gala: Auction Item Ideas

We are now accepting donations of live and silent auction items for the Gala. The auctions generate a majority of the funds raised for the scholarship fund. This year, we are suggesting that each family aim to secure three donated items for the auction. A list of suggestions and ideas are below.

All donations are due by March 31, 2010.

Suggested Items:

Gift Certificates from Businesses:

- Restaurants & hotels – these are very popular at auctions!
- Spas, hair & nail salons, gyms, golf courses
- Massage therapists, acupuncture, dentists, opticians, chiropractors
- Photographers, car washes, car detailing
- Classes: martial arts, gymnastics, swimming, art, dance, music, tutoring, languages, yoga
- Grocery stores (your local Safeway, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Lucky's, etc.)
- You can also create your own gift certificate for services that your own business or company provides. This is a great way to promote your business or company to the BCMS community!

Something you (or your family) already own:

- Wine – another popular auction item(!), or winery tours
- Tickets to Bay Area sporting events: Giants, 49ers, the A's, Warriors, Raiders, Sharks
- Tickets for cultural events: Symphony, Opera, Ballet, Theater
- Comp tickets: zoo, museums, amusement parks
- Getaways: Timeshares/Vacation homes, Tahoe cabin, day out on your boat, airline miles

Re-gift something you already have that is new in the original box and in mint condition.

Now that it is after the holidays, consider donating a gift(s) you don't want instead of returning it.

- Toys, games, puzzles, electronics
- Jewelry or accessories
- Gift cards (department stores, book stores, children's stores, restaurants...anything!)
- Books, DVDs, or software
- Game systems or games for Wii, Xbox, Playstation, PSP, etc.

Service Donations:

Be creative! Think about a skill that you or a friend may have or get together with another parent:

- Cooking a private dinner or putting together a special picnic basket
- Teaching someone how to prepare and cook a traditional ethnic dish/meal or your specialty
- Homemade baked goods, desserts or breakfast treats for "X" number of months
- Handmade jewelry or accessories
- Play dates: bike riding with a group of kids, taking kids to a movie or museum

Thank you in advance for your contribution. It will help Big City continue to ensure that all children have the opportunity to access quality early childhood education.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Amanda, Jill, or Emma in the school office.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Sharp
BCPO President 2009-2010