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Vibrant City

400+

Dynamic Women

Women's Impact Fund Tenth Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction

40+

Remarkable Grants

10

Transformative Years!



The evening of November 9th, Women's Impact Fund members and their guests will have the opportunity to bid on ten fabulous items in honor of our first decade of women's leadership in philanthropy. Each of the nonprofits donating an item or experience is a Women's Impact Fund grantee. Bidding will close at 8:30 pm.

I. Morrison Smith Jewelers

Morrison Smith Jewelers is renowned for creating sentiment. This industry leader prides itself on high technology, creative design, service, and craftsmanship that offers its customers exquisite jewelry that celebrates everlasting appeal.

As the winning bidder, you will have an extraordinary \$5,000 credit to design a custom piece of jewelry that holds sentimental value or select any piece of jewelry from the Morrison Smith Jewelers store that captivates you. Cherish your timeless memories and highlight the elements of love, passion, and family by embracing the essence of you.

Total Value - \$5,000

II. Palmetto Bluff Inn, Golf and Spa

Palmetto Bluff Inn is considered "The Ultimate Southern Escape." Inspired by the charm of Charleston and Savannah, Palmetto Bluff is nestled in nature preserves, land and water trails, nearby beaches, and beautiful golf courses. It's the perfect place to have friendly conversations, fine dining, long walks, exquisite shopping, and more.

For a party of two, enjoy a three-night stay at Palmetto Bluff Inn. This bountiful package also includes golf, delicious daily breakfast, and a Palmetto Bluff Messenger Bag complete with goodies from the spa.

Total Value - \$3,200

III. Urban Ministry Masterpiece

Homeless artist Frederick Hall has painted a magnificent canvas to enhance a space in your home or office. This abstract painting is 48"x 60" and rich in earth tones and hues. The inspiration for this piece of artwork is the artist's childhood...climbing trees, hiding from his family, loving the way the wind swayed the branches, and feeling free.

For this creation, forty-five minutes was all it took. He believes that God moved his hands to paint this wonderful masterpiece. He believes in God, and realizes that God grants him serenity and peace.

Frederick Hall has been pursuing his passion in the ArtWorks Program for eight years at the Urban Ministry Center, an interfaith organization dedicated to bringing the community together to end homelessness, one life at a time.

Total Value - \$1,200

IV. Wine and Wisdom

The winning bidder of this item - which celebrates the annual Wine and Wisdom event, a beloved tradition for Women's Impact Fund members - will receive a case of wine and a dozen inspirational books personally selected by women who have nurtured the Women's Impact Fund during our first decade. Special thanks are given to our Founders (Mary Lou Babb and Claire Tate), Past Board Chairs (Robin Branstrom, Judy Allison, Toni Freeman, Dianne Bailey, Elaine Lyerly, Susan Patterson, and Sonja Nichols), Present Board Chair (Jeanette Sims), Program Director (Susan Ehrman), and Founder of the Washington Women's Foundation and the collective giving movement (Colleen Willoughby) for their thoughtful and heartfelt contributions: a choice of her favorite bottle of wine and a notable book with an inscription expressing how this book has inspired her. Collectively, their hope is to inspire you too.

Total Value - \$Priceless

V. The Gift of Healthy Living

Give yourself the gift of healthy living. The winning bidder of this health and fitness package will enjoy a one-year membership to the YWCA of the Central Carolinas, which provides countless amenities including a heated swimming pool, weight and circuit rooms, tennis courts, and outdoor trails. The YWCA also affords an array of classes to peak your interest including yoga, cardio, spin, and Pilates.

You also will delight in a three-hour kayak or power boat trip for four people with the Catawba Riverkeeper. Possible kayak trips include flat water paddles on one of the eleven major lakes in the Catawba basin, or easy whitewater trips on one of the riverine sections of the Catawba River or South Fork River. Power boat trips are available on Lake Wylie, Mountain Island Lake, or Lake Norman.

Finally, fuel your active lifestyle with delicious and healthy fresh vegetables and herbs from your own garden. Friendship Gardens will help you! Henry Owen, Program Director, will build a large garden (4' x 8' foot raised bed) and give you a private gardening lesson. Your first planting is included.

Total Value - \$1,500

VI. Eseeola Lodge and Handcrafted Pottery

The Eseeola Lodge at Linville Golf Club is a classic mountain resort filled with historical treasures and simple pleasures. Relax and enjoy the scenery and the comforts of nature with a three-night stay that includes daily breakfast and dinner.

To capture the memories of your special time away, receive a piece of handcrafted pottery created by Women's Impact Fund member Kay Ethridge. Inspired by our North Carolina Mountains, this pedestal bowl is glazed in green with a blue interior that evokes the lakes. A border of applied pinecones completes the mountain theme. It stands 9" high and is 12" wide. It is high fired and can safely be used for serving food. A decorative piece that can also be filled with fruit, flowers, or festive decorations to create a lovely centerpiece.

Total Value - \$1,800

VII. Prada Handbag and Wallet from Neiman Marcus

Let the bidding begin for this chic Prada handbag and wallet handcrafted in Italy and generously donated by Neiman Marcus. The shoulder bag features ruched nylon with lambskin trim and golden hardware. The Prada logo jacquard lines the inside of this standout tote. The Prada nylon zip-around wallet has eight credit card slots, two roomy billfold pockets, and an interior zip change pocket.

Prada was founded in 1913 in Milan by Mario Prada and was originally known as Prada Brothers. In 1978, Mario's granddaughter Miuccia Prada led the company's expansion into distinctive clothing that quickly became a favorite among celebrities worldwide. Currently, Prada is one of the most influential design houses in the fashion industry.

Total Value - \$1,675

VIII. Arts and Culture in the New South

Arts and culture provide depth, history, and beauty to our community. Enjoy a pair of 2013-2014 season tickets to the North Carolina Dance Theatre. This Charlotte-based, world class ensemble performs energetic, graceful, and cutting-edge performances to classical and contemporary music. In addition, the Levine Museum of the New South extends two complimentary tickets to the Taste of the New South and a museum package that includes four admission passes, a book signed by historian Tom Hanchett, and Levine Museum of the New South keepsakes.

Total Value - \$805

IX. Fashion - Charlottean and Parisienne!

The Hermes scarf is rare and striking from the Indigo collection. It is a chic dark blue featuring the Hermes house logo in the center with hand rolled hems stitched in orange. Special thanks are extended to Shop France and Suzan Becker "for all things French!"

From the Donald Haack collection, this sterling silver 18k John Hardy pearl ring (size 6) is exquisite. Kathy Mansfield has created a striking, custom sterling silver necklace that pairs well with the John Hardy pearl ring. This elegant necklace is 18 inches in length and can be shortened if needed. Together, the necklace and ring make a perfect combination.

Total Value - \$1,525

X. Carolina Thread Trail Honors WIF and YOU

A prime spot on the Carolina Thread Trail on a bluff overlooking Long Creek adjacent to the White Water Center has been reserved for a bench to honor the Women's Impact Fund and YOU. On the back of the bench is a plaque engraved with your name in celebration of the Women's Impact Fund's Tenth Anniversary. The Carolina Thread Trail preserves our natural resources while exploring the community benefits in science, nature, and history. The winning bidder will enjoy the spectacular view and her new place in the history of the Carolina Thread Trail and the Women's Impact Fund.

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