

# *"Fiesta on the Hill"*



## **Mater Dolorosa's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest on the Hill Auction & Dinner**

**Thank you for supporting your retreat center!**

### **Suggested Auction Item List**

The ideas below are simply suggestions to help inspire your auction item donation.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Warlick, Development Director, at (626) 355-7188, ext. 103 or [jwarlick@materdolorosa.org](mailto:jwarlick@materdolorosa.org)

### **Instructions**

1. Select a theme from the list you or come up with your own.
2. Invite your family, friends or fellow retreatants to donate one or two items for the basket.
3. Collect the items and place them in a theme related container. The auction committee will happily wrap the container for you.
4. Complete the donor form (at the bottom of this list) with your name, contact information and the value of the donation. Attach the form to your donation.
5. Contact Jeanne Warlick, Development Director at **(626) 355-7188** or [jwarlick@materdolorosa.org](mailto:jwarlick@materdolorosa.org) to advise of your item.
6. Bring your item to the retreat center or call the Development Office to arrange another way to get your donation to the retreat center.
7. Enjoy working with your family, friends or fellow retreatants to support your retreat center!

### **Some ideas we think might be fun to put together...**

- Car Wash Bucket...fill with soap, wax and polish, chamois and wash mitts, or towels
- Tool box...fill with those ever needed around the house items: hammer, screw drivers, drill bits, wrenches, measuring tapes, work gloves, etc...you know the rest
- Fishing box...with either or both salt water lures or fresh water flies...whatever will catch those little suckers
- Backyard fire pit...loaded with s'mores fixins
- BBQ grill filled with utensils, hot pad, spatula set and grillin' sauces...
- Whiskey and Cigar tray...last year it was a super seller because we added a great set of DOF glasses and carafe
- Craft Beer Bucket with steins or glasses and munchies
- Golf Package...find a good deal on a sand wedge or putter and put it together with a box of balls, towels, T's, visor, and markers.
- Collection of models for a great project to do with the grandkids; trains, cars, planes...all levels hold intrigue
- Home Repair Kit...multi-meter, socket tester, stud finder, laser level, wire strippers, hanging picture kits...you've need this stuff, right??
- Power Box...saber saw, drill, and skill saw with battery pack charger

## **Theme Baskets**

Creative theme baskets make excellent raffle prizes and silent auction items. Creating a basket is as simple as choosing a theme, finding some interesting items that fit the theme, and placing them in a basket or, better yet, a themed container to sell or raffle as a single unit.

The options for creative themes, items, and presentations are endless. **Think of our list as a guide—use these ideas as is, or just as a way to get your own ideas flowing.** Don't be afraid to use your imagination - **the sky's the limit!**

### **Pamper Mom**

Suggested items: Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, a CD of meditative music, gift card to a local salon and/or for a massage.

*Creative twist:* Make the container part of the pampering—use a foot bath or a pretty basket suitable for keeping personal items.

### **For the Golfers**

Suggested items: Tees, golf balls, visor, gloves, book about golf, a gift card to a golf store or to a local course.

*Creative twist:* Present the items in a sports bag

### **Grillers' Delight**

Suggested items: Utensils, marinades, mitts, charcoal, cookbooks about grilling.

*Creative twist:* Use a small grill as the basket.

### **Baby Love**

Suggested items: Diapers, diaper bag, onesies, burp cloths, infant toys, board books, teething rings, baby socks, bibs.

*Creative twist:* Present the items in a baby bathtub.

### **For a Book Club**

Suggested items: A few bestselling books, wine glasses, wine, gourmet snacks, gift card to local bookstore or Amazon.com.

*Creative twist:* Assemble the items in a pretty book bag.

### **Get Ready for Kindergarten**

Suggested items: Educational games and toys, school spirit wear, school water bottle. Pack in a backpack.

*Creative twist:* If possible, arrange it so the principal or a kindergarten teacher presents the items to the winner.

### **Outdoor Adventures**

Suggested items: Sleeping bag, fishing pole, mini lanterns, fixings for s'mores (graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate), head lamps, bug spray, citronella candles, gift cards to outdoor stores.

*Creative twist:* Pack the contents into a cooler or a tent.

### **Movie Night at Home**

Suggested items: Boxes of candy and microwave popcorn, DVDs, movie passes, blankets, store gift cards (for DVDs and snacks).

*Creative twist:* Include restaurant gift cards so families can order takeout dinners as part of their night.

### **Italian Dinner Night**

Suggested items: High-end pastas, a variety of sauces, Italian bread/bread sticks, Parmesan cheese, a bottle of red wine, and gift cards to an Italian deli and local Italian restaurant.

*Creative twist:* Present the items in a large pasta bowl.

### **For Gardeners**

Suggested items: Garden store gift card, planters, watering cans, gloves, seeds, sunscreen, hand lotion, bags of soil, garden rack.

*Creative twist:* Pack the contents into a small garden cart (available at gardening stores or large stores like Walmart).

### **Aquarium**

Suggested items: Fish-theme games and books, gift card to pet store, instructional books on fish care.

*Creative twist:* Present the items in an aquarium.

### **Family Fitness**

Suggested items: Water bottles, fitness DVDs, books on healthy family activities (hikes, outdoor vacations, etc.), dumbbells, passes to local gyms and other fitness facilities (like roller-skating rinks).

*Creative twist:* Try to get local fitness businesses to donate services as part of the basket.

### **For the Dogs (or Cats)**

Suggested items: Gift card to a pet store, dog (or cat) toys, dog (or cat) food bowls, pet jersey or sweater, shampoo and other grooming supplies, a leash.

*Creative twist:* Assemble the contents into a dog or cat bed.

### **Arts and Crafts**

Suggested items: Markers, pens, colored pencils, crayons, craft paint, construction paper, paint brushes, stamping kit, jewelry kits, small wooden model kits, loom bracelet kit, poster board, gift card to craft store.

*Creative twist:* Present the items in a portable three-drawer storage cart.

### **Summer Fun**

Suggested items: Beach towels, beach toys, balls, sunblock, sunglasses, gift cards to mini golf or other summer activities, yard toys (Frisbee, plastic bowling pins), bubbles, sidewalk chalk.

*Creative twist:* Present the items in a small outdoor sandbox.

### **Fun With Science**

Suggested items: Tickets to science museum (if you have one nearby), science games, experiment kits, science puzzles, glow-in-the-dark ceiling stickers, goggles, a child-sized lab coat.

*Creative twist:* Consider setting up a simple experiment or two and demonstrate it during the event.

### **Baking With Kids**

Suggested contents: Baking mixes (muffins, cakes, cookies), frosting, baking with kids cookbook, aprons, kids' mixing utensils, measuring cups, cookie cutters, decorating supplies.

*Creative twist:* Display the items in a large mixing bowl.

**All Sports**

Suggested items: Balls (baseball, basketball, football, soccer), tickets to local sporting events, gift card to a sporting goods store, Frisbee, sports-team-theme apparel (shirts, hats, etc.) and blanket, water bottle, sports-theme books and board games

Creative twist: Arrange the items in a large duffel bag.

**Local Errands**

Suggested contents: Gift cards for conveniences or attractions in your community like dry cleaning, grocery store, coffee shop, movie theater, restaurants, hair salon/barber shop, etc.

*Creative twist:* Make the idea of errands seem more fun by arranging a “chauffeur”—a volunteer driver for a few hours on a weekend—as part of the prize.

**Local Vendors**

Suggested contents: Products from local vendors like baked goods, soap, jewelry, candles, and scarves (or other knitted creations).

*Creative twist:* Ask a local vendor to give a private tour to the winner. Kids would probably like going behind the scenes at the bakery or candle factory and seeing how they work.