

ACORN HILL



Dear Acorn Hill Community,

We are pleased to attach the 2014 Acorn Hill Auction Catalog. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we have enjoyed putting it together. It reflects our diverse and talented community. Thank you to all who participated in the donation process. Now, it's time to bid!!!! The auction consists of two different phases: paper bidding in the lobby and the social event.

Paper Bidding in the Lobby: March 3rd-7th. All auction items (except those labeled "Live Auction") will be posted on bid sheets in the Acorn Hill lobby for bidding beginning March 3rd. The paper bidding will close at 7pm during the Auction Social on Saturday, March 8th. Many of the items in the catalog will be displayed in the lobby starting March 3rd. Please note that there are 2 types of offerings available during the Paper Bidding phase: "standard" silent auction items won by the highest bid and "first-come, first-served" items, which are classes with multiple slots won by being one of the first to fill in your name, thereby securing a place in the class/session/etc.

Auction Social: Saturday, March 8th 6:00-9:00pm. We hope you will join us on March 8th to wrap up the Silent Auction and participate in the excitement of the Live Auction, while enjoying fabulous music, food, drinks, friends, and fun! From 6-7pm we will wrap up the paper bidding. Live auction bidding will begin at 7:30pm. This year we will also have a raffle for a lovely 12-inch, heavy baby custom made by Ingrid Cowan Hass and a raffle for a labyrinth made by Kevin Daney. The winner does not have to be present to win and tickets may be purchased in the lobby or through class captains beginning March 3rd. Tickets are \$5 each.

Questions can be directed to Mariam Moktharzada (marimokh@hotmail.com) or Amber Jamil (amber.jamil@salaus.com).

Thank you so much for supporting Acorn Hill!

Warmly,
The Acorn Hill Silent Auction Committee

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Teacher Wishlist

TW-1. 3 Curvy Boards

Unlimited Possibilities for the Spruce Room

Spruce Room Wish List Item

3 Curvy Boards

A Waldorf Inspired Creation. Curvy boards are teeter totters, balance beams, slides, and... anything else your child can dream up. This unlimited range of possibilities is what makes Curvy Boards an ideal learning toy for 21st century learning skills. Special Thanks to Open Ended Creations for supporting the auction! www.curvyboard.com

Retail value: \$230

Thanks to: Spruce Room Wishlist

TW-2. 2 Silk Scapes for classroom play area

Indoor Rainbow for the Oak Room

Oak Room Wish of 2 Rainbow Silk Scapes to create a roof over their indoor play area

Silk is a natural fiber and renewable resource. Sarah's Silks dyes are non-toxic, non-hazardous, environmentally friendly, with no heavy metals.

Special Thanks to Sarah's Silks for supporting the auction! <http://sarahsilks.com/>

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Sarah's Silks

TW-3. Indoor/Outdoor rug for rainy and snowy days

Coming In From the Cold

Help keep the Sycamore Room Clean, Warm and Dry. This rug will especially help on rainy and snowy days. Pretty Rugs Are Indoor Beautiful, Outdoor Durable. These cheerful indoor/outdoor rugs have the beauty and softness of a traditional pile rug:

- Wilton woven for long-lasting strength, durability and wear
- Durable / stand up to high traffic
- Easy care - just hose to clean

http://www.plowhearth.com/dragonfly-and-solid-indoor-outdoor-polypropylene-rugs_p1007852_s2002_d3056_c4054.html

Retail value: \$130

Thanks to: Sycamore Room Wish List

TW-4. *Class set of pottery cups for snack time*

Toast to the Willow Room

Classroom set of handcrafted pottery cups for snack times.

Retail value: \$130

Thanks to: Willow Room Wish List

TW-5. *2 Indoor Hollow Block Ramps to enhance the building materials selection*

Blocking Up the Oak Room

2 Indoor Hollow Block Ramps that will last a lifetime. Large muscles and imaginations are hard at work when children build with hollow blocks.

Retail value: \$120

Thanks to: Oak Room Wish List

TW-6. *Vintage 4-wheel cart*

Sweet Ride

Help purchase a vintage wooden cart for Mrs. Brown's class. It's the four-wheeler of choice for the preschool set! Everyone wants their turn with this tried-and-true favorite. After all, it's ideal for hauling wood chips—and buddies. Multiple bidders welcome. Fine print: This item will allow for multiple donors to purchase this item for the class.

Retail value: \$180

Thanks to: Mrs. Brown

Dining In

DI-1. *Made-from-scratch soup, salad, bread, and dessert delivered to your door*

Comfort Food Extravaganza

Choose from seasonal soups such as potato-leek, chicken noodle, watermelon gazpacho, three-sisters stew, or whatever strikes your fancy. Eat with a crunchy green salad, hearty bread, and sweet treat for a relaxing night in. Expires: 12/1/2014

Retail value: \$70

Thanks to: The Wendts

DI-2. *Wine and hors d' oeuvres with a French bent*
Provençal Fête

Revel in a night in with thyme-toasted almonds, olives, anchovy-garlic crisps, black olive butter, and a fresh baguette, plus one bottle of wine. Serves 4 to 6 as appetizer course. Please provide two weeks' notice. Fine print: Requires two weeks' notice. Expires: 3/8/2015

Retail value: \$75

Thanks to: The Clarke/Mosier Family

DI-3. *Two vegetarian quiches and salad*
Real Men Do Eat Quiche

Want to invite your friends for lunch but don't feel like cooking? Have two vegetarian quiches and a hearty green salad delivered to you. Done, and done. Serves 6. Please provide one week's notice. Fine print: Give a week notice Expires: 9/1/2014

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Hoover family

DI-4. *Indian dinner for six*
Passage to India

Take a break from cooking and enjoy an Indian dinner with your family. Gluten free and your choice of vegetarian or vegan.

Retail value: \$60

Thanks to: Meier-Tran family

DI-5. *Moroccan tagine dinner for four*
Spice Market Feast

Enjoy an aromatic, exotically spiced tagine dinner prepared with your choice of chicken, beef, lamb, or fish, together with couscous. Can include fruit and/or nuts, according to your preference. Requires at least one week notice, as cook travels periodically for work. Delivered to you at Acorn Hill. Expires: 6/30/2013

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: The Iovannas

DI-6. *One dozen eggs from local chickens*

Great Eggspectations

Taste the difference between fresh eggs from locally raised chickens and the ones you buy at the grocery store. You will want to raise chickens of your own!

Retail value: \$6

Thanks to: The Macleod Family

DI-7. *Pot of soup with homemade bread and goat cheese and garlic spread*

In the Soup

Warm your soul with a batch of hot soup, made-from-scratch bread, and savory goat cheese and garlic spread. Perfect comfort food! Serves 6. Fine print: for 6

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Monica Nermark

DI-8. *Pot of kale soup with gemelli pasta*

Baby, It's Cold Outside

Banish all memories of the Polar Vortex when you tuck in to a hot bowl of the Food Network's Five-Star Kale Soup, made with fresh greens, hearty red potatoes, sweet onions, and kidney beans, with a gemelli pasta side. Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free, except for the pasta. Serves six as a main course.

Retail value: \$35

Thanks to: Love Family

DI-9. *Pot of chicken noodle soup with French bread*

Soup Puts the Heart at Ease

What could ever be better to soothe the weary soul than a piping-hot cup of made-from-scratch chicken noodle soup with fresh bread? Put your heart at ease with this delectable offering. Can be made with gluten-free noodles. Serves 4–6 Fine print: . Available any time other than during Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays, with at least one week's notice. Expires: 3/1/2015

Retail value: \$35

Thanks to: Marie-Christine Hoover

Dining Out

DO-1. Gift card to spend on a delicious dinner at any Marriott

Feast at your favorite Marriott!

\$50 Marriott Gift Card - Works like a debit card to be used for hotel stays, dining inside the hotel, etc. Good at any Marriott.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Marriott Hotels

DO-2. Gift certificates to Eggspectation

You Have to Crack a Few Eggs to Make an Omelette

(2) \$25 Gift Certificates. Partake in a delectable meal out at Eggspectation, where the menu focuses on crepes, soups, salads, omelettes, pasta, steak, chicken, seafood, and sandwiches. Valid at any Eggspectation location in the Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and Washington, D.C. area. Fine print: Gratuity and tax not included

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Eggspectation

DO-3. Gift certificate to Scion Restaurant

Sophisticated Comfort Food

\$50 Gift Certificate. Scion Restaurant serves contemporary American cuisine that we like to call "sophisticated comfort food." We serve a wide variety of meat, seafood, vegetarian, and gluten-free dishes. We also offer a great selection of cocktails, wines, and craft beers.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Scion Restaurant

DO-4. Gift certificate to Middle Eastern Cuisine Restaurant

Falafel Feast

\$15 Gift Certificate to Middle Eastern Cuisine. Check them out at:
www.mideastcuisine.net

Retail value: \$15

Thanks to: Middle Eastern Cuisine

DO-5. Gift card for Mamma Lucia

Mama Mia

\$25 Gift Card for delicious pasta, pizza and fine Italian food from Mamma Lucia. Good at any location.

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Mamma Lucia

DO-6. Gift certificate for Pete's New Haven Style APizza

Premiere Pizza

\$50 Gift Certificate. Pete's New Haven Style Apizza is both a chef-driven Italian restaurant specializing in New Haven style pizza, and your neighborhood pizza & beer joint. We have a passion for food, a commitment to health and sustainability.

<http://petesapizza.com/silver-spring.html>

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Pete's New Haven Style APizza

DO-7. Gift certificate to The Great Sage organic restaurant in Clarksville, MD

Vegan Delight

\$75 Gift Certificate. At Great Sage, we cook with fresh organically grown produce and believe a gourmet dining experience can be created out of plant-based foods. Our menu is influenced by the flavors and styles of many cultures.

Retail value: \$75

Thanks to: Andrew Cochran

DO-8. Gift certificate to zPizza

Pizza time!

(2) \$20 Gift certificates to zPizza Fine print: Redeemable at 815 Ellsworth Dr. Silver Spring, MD or 806 H St. NW, Washington DC or Online

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: zPizza

DO-9. Gift certificate to Cubano's Restaurant

Great Cuban Cuisine - it's about time!

(2) \$25 Gift Certificates to Cubano's Restaurant

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Cubano's Restaurant

DO-10. Gift card for Mamma Lucia
Italian Love Headed Your Way

\$25 Gift Card to Mamma Lucia

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Mamma Lucia

DO-11. Gift card for Largent's Restaurant
All American Eatery

(2) \$25 Gift Cards to Largent's Restaurant

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Largent's Restaurant

DO-12. Gift card for Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
Eatin' Good in the Neighborhood

\$100 Gift Card for Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

DO-13. Gift card for Sticky Fingers
Sticky Sweets

\$20 Gift Certificate. Sticky Fingers has the area's most famous vegan sweets, including their unsurpassed cupcakes.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Johnson Murray

DO-14. Gift certificate to Teasim
The Tao of Tea

If you're looking for a unique dining experience and fine tea, look no further than Teasim: "...the art of concealing beauty that you may discover it, ..it is the noble secret of laughing at yourself, calmly yet thoroughly, and is thus humour itself,--the smile of philosophy." - The Book of Tea, from which the restaurant Teasim gets its name. Use this \$30 gift certificate to experience Teasim for yourself. Expires: 1/17/2015

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: Owen Snyder

DO-15. Gift certificate to Soupergirl

Dinner in a Snap!

Certificate for two quarts of soup and a quart of salad at the Soupergirl shop! Soupergirl's soups are warm, delicious, and incredibly healthy (but they don't think you'll notice). They are made primarily with ingredients from local farms, are 100% vegan, and are certified kosher. The shop is located at 314 Carroll Street, NW – directly across the street from the Takoma Metro.

To see the daily menu click on the Store Information page which is located at www.thesoupergirl.com. Fine print: Valid through August 1, 2014. Auction item can be redeemed at Soupergirl store. Not valid for use online or at farmers markets or stores where Soupergirl items are sold. Expires: 8/1/2014

Retail value: \$45

Thanks to: Soupergirl

Getaways

G-1. 5-night Williamsburg getaway

Get Away From it All

Treat yourself to a romantic getaway in Historic Williamsburg. This package includes a 4-day, 3-night stay in a Historic Williamsburg resort. Then take another two nights at a Wyndham Vacation Resort less than one mile from historic Williamsburg. The one bedroom condo at the Williamsburg Kingsgate features: a full kitchen—exercise equipment—playground—two tennis courts—beautiful and quiet! Fine print: April 12-17, 2014 6 days and 5 nights - this date does have some flexibility I just need to know the change by March 27, 2014. Live Auction Item.

Retail value: \$350

Thanks to: Price Family

Health and Wellness

H-1. 5 free passes to extendYoga

Get Your Yoga On

Ready to get back into your best yoga shape? Get started at extendYoga with a gift certificate for 5 free passes. Expires: 8/1/2014

Retail value: \$90

Thanks to: extendYoga

H-2. 2 hour session

Get the Mold Out!

Learn all about Lyme disease and mold from Michael Taylor, a holistic practitioner in DC. Michael will come to you to talk about Lyme Disease and Mold: Awareness, Prevention (including diet and exposure) and Treatment Options. This 2 hour session could be for an individual consultation in your home or a lecture to a larger group in a more formal venue.

The winning bidder would email or call Michael to schedule the date/time. Fine print: Mutually agreeable time.

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Michael Taylor

H-3. 3 consultation visits

Whole-istic Health

Invest in your health with an Integrative Health and Nutrition consultation. Included are 3 visits to the Maryland University of Integrative Health's Natural Care Center in Laurel, Maryland. Julie Wendt, a clinical intern, will work with you in a holistic approach to optimizing your health through lifestyle and nutrition. Expires: 7/1/2014

Retail value: \$170

Thanks to: The Wendts

H-4. Counseling session and healing crystals

Crystal Powers! Activate!

Are you looking for balance and peace in your life? Need to increase your energy? Try a 1 hour intuitive counseling session with Indu. This session is valued at \$75. Please visit www.guidedenergyhealing.com for more information. The session can be conducted via Skype, phone or in your home (if located a convenient distance from Acorn Hill).

Included with the Intuitive Counseling session is up to \$30 worth of Healing Crystal Jewelry or a 20% discount up to \$300. Please visit www.greenchakrashop.com to see the collection and how the crystals can help you heal your mind, body and Spirit.

Expires: 5/31/2014

Retail value: \$135

Thanks to: Indu Gulalia

H-5. Box of goodies valued at \$200

That's a Raw deal!

Do you like it raw?! At The Raw Food World, their mission is to bring you and your family the most mineral-rich, nutrient-dense, bio-available, organic Superfoods on Earth! Enjoy a box of carefully hand selected Superfoods, gathered from family farms in traditional communities, where small-scale, sustainable practices yield products of superior quality. You can taste and feel the difference! Visit www.TheRawFoodWorld.com to see more.

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: The Raw Food World

H-6. 3 hour vitality workshop for moms only

Don't Worry! Get Happy!

Do you know any moms who could use a little more vitality? (Who doesn't?) This happy workshop on self-nurturing will involve techniques from dance/movement therapy, anthroposophical home-health care, simplicity parenting, and other nurturing bits of wisdom gathered over the years by a certified dance/movement therapist and Waldorf teacher. The workshop can be held for a minimum of 4 people and a maximum of 10 people.

Date: Sunday March 30th, time tbd.

Led by Liz Hagerman MA, BC-DMT. Ms. Hagerman is a board certified dance/movement therapist, Waldorf birth to three teacher, and Pikler infant specialist. Fine print: This 3 hour workshop will happen on a Sunday, March 30th. Time tbd. Min. 4, max 10 participants. Please include contact info.

Retail value: \$45

Thanks to: Liz Hagerman

H-7. \$100 holistic health gift certificate

Pamper Yourself!

Use this \$100 gift certificate to help support your wellness and sense of serenity at Blue Heron Wellness. Take your choice of a therapeutic massage, acupuncture, holistic skin care, a yoga class or anything else Blue Heron has to offer. To learn more about the center and their available services, visit their website at <http://www.blueheronwellness.org/>

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Urban family

H-8. 1 hour massage

Healing Hands

Are you ready for an hour of total relaxation? Treat yourself to a 1 hour massage by a Certified Massage Therapist in the convenience of your own home. Fine print: Please call at least 3 days in advance to arrange for an appointment. Women only.

Retail value: \$80

Thanks to: Mokhtarzada/Asi

H-9. Two 1/2 hour sessions

Ready! Set! Relax!

Start with a relaxing 1/2 hour massage and then learn to help your body relax with a 1/2 hour session of Alexander Technique at Crossings in Silver Spring.

Retail value: \$125

Thanks to: Ruth Anne Keistek

H-10. *Half-day meditation retreat*

Get your Zen on!

"A Quiet Morning at Acorn Hill" - Take a little time out for yourself in the tranquility of Acorn Hill. After a cup of tea and a little time to chat, we'll settle down to a series of guided meditations to help develop mindfulness and loving-kindness. Sitting and walking in silence, we'll have a chance to relax and reconnect with ourselves and each other. Weather permitting, we'll spend time outdoors among the trees. No previous meditation experience is necessary to enjoy this experience. Chairs will also be available for sitting meditation. Deborah Helzer has 12 years experience teaching mindfulness meditation locally and nationally. Transferrable. Fine print: This event will be held at Acorn Hill on Sun, April 18, 2014

A maximum of 15 participants may sign up

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Helzer

H-11. *One holistic pediatrics visit*

Short People Need Health, Too!

Are you looking for a pediatrician who shares your philosophy of medicine? Make an appointment with a holistic pediatrician at National Integrated Health Associates. Integrative medicine treats the whole person and Integrative doctors blend the best of western medicine and safe, proven complementary and alternative therapies to help the body heal.

Retail value: \$325

Thanks to: National Integrated Health Association

H-12. *10 classes and membership*

Tumble Time

Does your little one love to tumble? Sign him/her up for 10 classes and a membership to The Little Gym in downtown Silver Spring.

Retail value: \$245

Thanks to: The Little Gym of Silver Spring

H-13. \$100 holistic health gift certificate

Feel InteGREATed!

Invest in your health with this \$100 gift certificate, which can be used for any service at the GW Center for Integrative Medicine. This gift certificate can also be combined with other discounts. GW Center for Integrative Medicine is the only academic center in the DC area that offers a variety of complementary and alternative medicine services including, but not limited to: holistic primary care and women's health; acupuncture; naturopathy; massage; and osteopathy. The center has been in existence for over 15 years and is staffed by nearly 20 practitioners. To learn more about the services available visit their website at <http://www.gwcim.com>. Fine print: Can not use for purchase of supplements.

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: GW Center for Integrative Medicine

H-14. \$100 holistic health gift certificate

The Whole Person

Invest in your health with this \$100 gift certificate, which can be used for any service at the GW Center for Integrative Medicine. This gift certificate can also be combined with other discounts.

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Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: GW Center for Integrative Medicine

H-15. One holistic pediatrics visit

A Doctor Who Gets You

Are you looking for a pediatrician who shares your philosophy of medicine? Make an appointment with a holistic pediatrician at National Integrated Health Associates. Integrative medicine treats the whole person and Integrative doctors blend the best of western medicine and safe, proven complementary and alternative therapies to help the body heal. Expires: 6/30/2014

Retail value: \$325

Thanks to: National Integrated Health Association

H-16. One holistic pediatrics visit

The Best of Both Worlds

Are you looking for a pediatrician who shares your philosophy of medicine? Make an appointment with a holistic pediatrician at National Integrated Health Associates. Integrative medicine treats the whole person and Integrative doctors blend the best of western medicine and safe, proven complementary and alternative therapies to help the body heal. Expires: 6/30/2014

Retail value: \$325

Thanks to: National Integrated Health Association

H-17. One holistic pediatrics visit

For the Youngest Among Us

Are you looking for a pediatrician who shares your philosophy of medicine? Make an appointment with a holistic pediatrician at National Integrated Health Associates. Integrative medicine treats the whole person and Integrative doctors blend the best of western medicine and safe, proven complementary and alternative therapies to help the body heal. Expires: 6/30/2014

Retail value: \$325

Thanks to: National Integrated Health Association

H-18. One holistic dental exam

Smile More!

Want to smile more? Looking for a dentist who won't do unnecessary X-rays and procedures? Visit an Integrative dentist at National Integrated Health Association. Integrative doctors blend the best of western medicine and safe, proven complementary and alternative therapies to help the body heal. This Comprehensive Holistic Dental Exam includes appropriate digital X-rays. Expires: 6/30/2014

Retail value: \$432

Thanks to: National Integrated Health Association

H-19. One holistic dental exam

Smile Easy

Want to smile more? Looking for a dentist who won't do unnecessary X-rays and procedures? Visit an Integrative dentist at National Integrated Health Association. Integrative doctors blend the best of western medicine and safe, proven complementary and alternative therapies to help the body heal. This Comprehensive Holistic Dental Exam includes appropriate digital X-rays. Expires: 6/30/2014

Retail value: \$432

Thanks to: National Integrated Health Association

Lessons

L-1. *Adult dance lessons*

That's A Stretch

Flex your muscles with a 10-class card from Maryland Youth Ballet—it's not just for kids! Choose from adult ballet, stretch, pilates, floor barre, or Broadway jazz. Expires one year after date of first class.

Retail value: \$170

Thanks to: Maryland Youth Ballet

L-2. *Private yoga session*

Ohm Solo

Leave the sweaty, over-crowded group sessions behind. Act like a celebrity for the day! You and up to three friends can enjoy a private yoga session with a registered teacher (RYT-200 hours). Location must be within 10 miles of Acorn Hill. Expires 12/31/2014.

Fine print: 4 people, Expires 12-31-2014

Retail value: \$85

Thanks to: Christina Conrad

L-3. *Knife-skills class*

A Cut Above

Slice & dice (and mince, julienne, and chiffonade) like a pro. Round up a group of your foodie friends (6 maximum) for an in-home lesson. You will learn the parts of the knife, how to choose the right one for the job, care and maintenance tips, and, of course, how to wield yours Morimoto-style. Expires 3/8/15.

Fine print: An agreed upon time for participant and chef instructor.

Chef instructor will travel to your home.

Food for practicing knife skills will be provided.

Up to six participants; minimum age of 8 years old

Retail value: \$400

Thanks to: The Johnson Family

L-4. Ballet gift basket

For Your Little Princess

Who needs pixie dust? This adorable basket filled with fairy wings, ballet book, pink tutu, wand and \$50 gift certificate to Ballet Petite is sure to enchant.

Retail value: \$75

Thanks to: Ballet Petite and the Youth Performing Arts School

L-5. Home cheese making kit and lessons

Say "Fromage!"

Includes a starter kit with everything you need to make fresh goat cheese at home, plus two to three 1-hour visits from cheese-meister (and AH alum) Chris Helzer. Chris has led cheese making in Miss Carol's class in the past and will guide you through your first batch of chevre. It's fun, educational, child-friendly and—of course—delicious! Expires 3/8/2015. Fine print: One set of lessons offered for 1 winning family (1 or more adults + 1 or more children over 2)

Chris will arrange dates/times of lessons with winner.

Retail value: \$120

Thanks to: Helzer

L-6. Yoga/meditation instruction

Body & Soul

Shape up mind and body with a 50-minute session led by Amy Palmer, who has taught meditation, yoga- and mindfulness-based programs since 1999. Sessions will be tailored to the individual needs of the participant(s) and conducted in the instructor's home or yours. Two sessions available for purchase separately or together. Available on weekends only. Location within 15-minutes of Acorn Hill. Fine print: Weekends only. Time of day to be arranged.

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Amy and Chris Palmer

Merchandise

M-1. *Silk baby carrier*

Precious Bundle

Strap on this adjustable silk sling with aluminum rings and both you and your babe will be pretty in pink.

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Anonymous

M-2. *Unisex tunics*

Go with the Flow

Deck your clan in authentic Indian tunics and shirts. Made from beautiful handspun or handwoven textiles. Two adult (male or female) and two child.

Retail value: \$70

Thanks to: Amber Jamil

M-3. *Women's scarf women's gloves*

That's A Wrap

Top off your topper with Vera Wang's gorgeous go-with-anything looper-style scarf. Don't let another Polar Vortex get in the way of your next text. Slide on these lined Isotoner gloves with "smart touch" and you are fit to type.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Amy Finkelstein

M-4. *3 pairs of earrings*

Handy Helpers Ear Candy

Make room in your jewel box for three pairs of Sonoma Lifestyle dangle earrings. These brushed metal beauties come in shades of copper, silver, and brass.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Amy Finkelstein

M-5. Traditional Chinese garments

Orient Expressions

Add a touch of the exotic to your wardrobe with these beautiful Chinese garments, fresh from Beijing. Suitable for male or female.

Retail value: \$80

Thanks to: The Lawson Family

M-6. Kid's poncho

Wrap Star

Keep your wee one warm (and stylish) with this Ecuadorian knitted wool poncho.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Aimee Lykins-Lawson

M-7. Acupressure mat

Dream On

Lay down and let Spoonk's acupressure mat work its magic, using over 6,000 pressure points. You could sleep better and feel better—Dr. Oz seems to think so. Carry-bag included.

Retail value: \$70

Thanks to: Wisdom Path Healing Center

M-8. Black boots

If the Boot Fits...Buy It!

A woman really can't have too many LBBs—little black boots. Add another pair or two to your collection: sensible and stylish 2-inch heels by Naturalizer with 3 1/2-inch platform heels. Size 6 1/2.

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Denney

M-9. Black boots

If the Other Boot Fits...Buy It Too!

A woman really can't have too many LBBs—little black boots. Add another pair or two to your collection: sensible and stylish 2-inch heels by Cole Haan's ankle-buckle beauties with 3 1/2-inch platform heels. Size 6 1/2.

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Denney

M-10. *Beaded necklace*

A True Gem

You'll be sure to sparkle in this facet-cut garnet and silver dangle necklace from Takoma Park's S&A Beads. Visit www.beadstore.com to learn more.

Retail value: \$48

Thanks to: S & A Beads

M-11. *Goody bag from Discovery Channel*

Swag Bag

A totally entertaining tote stocked with educational videos, t-shirts, and more from Silver Spring's Discovery Channel.

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Discovery Channel

M-12. *Selection of kid's books and toys*

Fun & Games

Now that's entertainment! A trio of kid favorites from Fair Day's Play: a cooperative game, crepe rubber puzzle, and a collection of story time tales.

Retail value: \$43

Thanks to: Fair Day's Play

M-13. *Woven basket*

Hold Everything

Picnic with panache, thanks to this handcrafted woven maple Longaberger basket. This heirloom-quality carrier is light brown with green trim and comes with a beautiful, removable liner.

Retail value: \$85

Thanks to: Nader Family

M-14. *Mixed toy basket*

A Few (New) Favorite Things

Treat your tots to toy treasures—Melissa and Doug gear gizmo, DIY wooden ferris wheel, paper mask making kit, bath toy, and other small surprises.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Mahaffey-Grauer and Snyder

M-15. Two kid-friendly DIY kits

Paper Dreams

Keep 'em busy with Mitik's paper kits. Rouly Roulettes offers five vehicles to color, assemble, and roll. With Mask Amino, your kid can assemble, paint, and wear eight different animal masks.

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Owen Snyder

M-16. The ultimate craft basket, courtesy of Ms. Sandi's class

Get Crafty

Missing that perfect color embroidery floss? Need another needle to sew up a hole? Hankering for a new hank of yarn? This basket will meet those needs and more. The winner of this item will take home a rainbow of craft supplies to help make that dream of weekly crafting a reality (or daily crafting, if you've already hit the weekly goal!) Knitting and crocheting, embroidery work, needle felting, sewing, plus some surprises, it will all be there for you to delight in, and set to using!

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Miss Sandi's 3-day Class

M-17. Rocking horse

Joy of Motion

Lasso this pine wood rocking horse with mop-rope mane for your little lad or lassie. A classic toy that will delight for years.

Retail value: \$125

Thanks to: La Belle Epoque

M-18. Art table

Caution: Wet Paint

Every pint-sized Picasso needs space to create. This art table is just the spot for your tot to make the fridge's next masterpiece. It is made of light-stained wood and measures approximately 3 feet wide and 2 feet deep. A metal mechanism allows for tilting.

Retail value: \$150

Thanks to: La Belle Epoque

M-19. Glass dip pen

The Write Stuff

Take a break from texting and communicate the old-fashioned way. No, we don't mean email! With this beautiful glass dip pen in hand, you just might be inspired to practice your penmanship. Small bottle of ink also included.

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: La Belle Époque

M-20. Vintage glass dip pen

To The Letter

Upgrade your basic Bic ballpoint with a glass dip pen from the early 1900's. Who knows? Maybe you will single-handedly revive the art of letter writing! Small bottle of ink also included.

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: La Belle Époque

M-21. Chicken coop rental

Get Clucky

Don't buy the farm...rent a coop instead. After all, it's infinitely cheaper and easier. Package comes with two chickens, a coop, feed and supplies for two weeks delivered right to your door. A quick tutorial in chicken keeping as well as phone and email support are included. Enjoy fresh eggs, feathered friends, and garden and compost helpers all in one convenient package! Fine print: Delivery in Bethesda, Silver Spring or Takoma Park. Otherwise, you can pay \$0.50 a mile for delivery or pick up in Potomac yourself.

Retail value: \$60

Thanks to: RentACoop

M-22. Decorative lacquer box

Boxing Day

We are sure you will take a shine to this orange lacquerware box from Burma. It measures 3.5" tall, 4.5" deep, and 14" wide.

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Monica Greeley

M-23. Jewelry box

It's a Keeper

A precious box for your precious jewels. This mini chest made with raffia features six drawers and measures 10" tall, 6.5" deep and 10" wide.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Monica Greeley

M-24. \$20 gift Trohv certificate

Takoma's Treasure

Design devotees flock in droves to Trohv, thanks to its artful collection of objects discovered or found. Use your \$20 gift certificate towards an anything-but-ho-hum housewarming gift or a one-of-a-kind vintage piece for your own abode. Happy hunting!

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Trohv

One-of-a-Kind

K-1. Wood diaper changing tray

Tray Chic

Take diaper duty—and your tot's decor—up a notch with this Amish-made oak dresser-top changing tray. Does not include mat or cover.

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Denney

K-2. Felted gnome home

Give 'Em Shelter

Got gnomes but nowhere to put them? Try this handmade felted wool home, complete with moss, grass and movable mushrooms. Comes in a wicker carry case, for easy transport. Measures approximately 6" x 12."

Retail value: \$60

Thanks to: Jordan-Moorhouse

K-3. Handknit shawl

Woolen Wonder

Brown, blue and tan handmade shawlette knit from merino, cashmere and silk blend yarns that were primarily hand-dyed. This shawlette is the perfect size for an adult to use in place of a scarf, or for a small child to drape snugly over the shoulders as a proper shawl.

Retail value: \$60

Thanks to: Jessica LaGarde

K-4. Wooden acorns

Nut Job

Acorn Hill parents will fall hard for these objects of desire: Two acorns made of various wood (curley maple, rare red streaked box elder, poplar) were handcrafted by a student's grandad. They measure four to six inches tall and two to three inches wide. They can be hung from the cap stem.

Retail value: \$0

Thanks to: Ole and Ingrid Hass

K-5. Wooden acorns

Aw, Nuts!

Acorn Hill parents will fall hard for these objects of desire: Two acorns made of various wood (poplar and laminated maple and mahogany) were handcrafted by a student's grandad. They measure four to six inches tall and two to three inches wide. They can be hung from the cap stem.

Retail value: \$0

Thanks to: Ole and Ingrid Hass

K-6. Two skeins of merino yarn

Passionknit?

Where there's wool, there's a way! Make your next project extra-special with Backyard Fiberwork's 100% superwash merino, hand-dyed in Silver Spring. Two skeins, your choice of color. All hues are beautifully saturated and the single-ply adds an unrivaled softness to your handknits. 400 yards/100 grams. Needle size: US 1-3.

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Backyard Fiberworks

K-7. Bahamian thatch baskets

Palm Weavers

The art of sewing (weaving) baskets has been passed down through the generations among residents of Red Bays, a small settlement in northern Andros Island in the Bahamas. The majority of folks in Red Bays are descendants of the Black Seminoles of Florida, who first landed in Andros Island in 1821 after escaping enslavement in the United States. Red Bays baskets are crafted from the top stems of palm thatch plants. The "top" is dried, stripped and then sewn into beautiful, sturdy baskets that have many uses. These uniquely styled baskets are crafted nowhere else in the Bahamas and are a part of the rich cultural legacy of the Black Seminoles of Red Bays. Two available for purchase.

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Mapes Gitter

K-8. Toddler mittens

Hand Warmers

Help your little one's hands weather this winter or next with these handmade felted wool mittens. Sized for a toddler (age 1.5-3), these lovely wine-colored wool mittens have appliqued flowers in plant-dyed felt and a soft fleece lining.

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Bailey Whiteman

K-9. Felted scissor case

Snip and Tuck

Gorgeous, one-of-a-kind felted wool needle-and-scissor case, intricately embroidered by alum parent Michele Macomber. Truly, a work of art—complete with scissors and enough room to store needles, pins, and thread. Don't miss out on the chance to own an Acorn Hill handwork treasure.

Retail value: \$80

Thanks to: Acorn Hill Handwork Group

K-10. *Handcrafted "seaside" play mat*
Sea of Love

Acorn Hill's handwork group has collaborated to create this unique playscape, which includes a sea and beach play mat, rocks, shells, pirates, mermaids, sea creatures, and other delightful surprises. The only limit is your child's imagination. And since your child goes to Acorn Hill, there are truly no limits!

Fine print: Live Auction Item

Retail value: \$150

Thanks to: Acorn Hill Handwork Group

K-11. *Handmade felt runner and coaster set*
Table Dressing

This unique table runner and set of coasters—featuring a circles motif—will enhance any table or side board. The Acorn Hill Handwork team has created another item anyone would be proud to display in their home. Protect your table and beautify it at the same time.

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Acorn Hill Handwork Group

K-12. *Hand-knitted children's hat*
Happiness Is A Warm Hat

Send your kid to the head of the class with a hardy hand-knit hat. Yarn is a wool-nylon blend.

Retail value: \$15

Thanks to: Hoek-Montero family

K-13. *Baby doll bedding set*
Sweetest Dreams

Let your child tuck in her favorite doll with this darling handmade quilt and matching quilted pillow.

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Mona Eldadah

K-14. *Pouch-making kit*

Sew Much Fun

Everything you need to make two felt pouches with a fingerknit handle or belt. Includes felt, needles, thread, pins, yarn and buttons. Expires: 6/1/2014

Retail value: \$10

Thanks to: Acorn Hill 3 Day Afternoon Children and Teachers

K-15. *Handmade wreath from the Parent-Child classroom*

Circle of Love

Bring home the ring—the beautiful class wreath now decorated for winter with cranberries, pine cones, snowflakes and other hand-made decorations from the parent-child class. Fine Print: Live Auction Item

Retail value: \$80

Thanks to: Parent-Child Class

K-16. *Handmade barnyard play set*

Animal Farm

A lucky find at the thrift shop inspired this solid wood barn with felted yarn animals and other extras just waiting for little playful hands. Fine Print: Live Auction Item

Retail value: \$150

Thanks to: Parent Child Class

K-17. *Handknit animals*

Chicken Littles

Bring this adorable chicken family home to roost! Includes rooster, hen and chicks, all handknit from angora and alpaca yarns. Fine Print: Live Auction Item

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Nicole Cintas

K-18. *Earrings and necklace set*

Original Adornments

All that glitters could be yours! Make room in your jewelry box for this earrings-and-necklace set made of semi-precious stones and precious metals from Lola Designs.

Retail value: \$150

Thanks to: Laura MacCleery

K-19. *Hand-painted scarf*

Tie One On

Peruse the collection of hand-painted, machine-washable silk scarves made by Stitching Hope, a women's cooperative in Nicaragua. Then pick out your favorite color scheme. Scarf features hand-rolled edges and measures 14" x 72." Stitching Hope is formed through the work of Just Hope and In Stitches liturgical art center. Visit www.institches.com/stitching-hope-partners/

and www.justhope.org for more information.

Fine print: This item will be shipped directly to the recipient from In Stitches Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: Mahaffey-Grauer

K-20. *Handmade silver necklace and earrings set*

Precious Metal

Forget staid pearl necklaces and diamond studs. Be an original! This silver-and-gemstone necklace with matching earrings by San Francisco-based artist, Lisa Lazarus of Lazarus Designs, will set you apart from the crowd. Educated at Rhode Island School of Design, University of North Carolina, and Parsons School of Design/Paris, Lazarus prides herself on creating pieces that are truly unique. "I like for the silver to take its own form," she says. "I will guide it into shapes that I want, but I don't force it."

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Lazarus Designs

K-21. *Handmade ceramic bowl*

Fired Up

The unusually beautiful finish of this ceramic bowl with stamped rim comes from its special wood firing. It takes 20-plus hours to fire the kiln—throwing in bundles of wood every 5 to 8 minutes. The ashes land on the pieces helping create the special glaze, as does the salt added to the kiln. The bowl measures 8 1/2" wide and 3" deep. Food-, dishwasher-, and microwave- safe.

Retail value: \$70

Thanks to: Terrapin Pottery

K-22. Handmade gnome family

Small Wonders

Do you believe in magic? Your child will when he sees this handmade family of wood gnomes dressed in felt clothes and caps. Created by Acorn Hill parent Christine Ryder. The gnome family consists of two adult gnomes (about 4" tall with caps), three child gnomes (about 3" tall with caps) and a family guardian angel.

Retail value: \$35

Thanks to: The Ryder Family

K-23. Bookshelf adorned with Oak Room artwork

Class Act

A priceless collection of artwork from the Oak Room children- all wonderfully preserved on a beautiful wooden bookshelf. Kylie's mom, Theresa Valois, will display each child's art on the bookshelf using the Mod Podge technique. Enjoy this one-of-a-kind piece in your child's room, the playroom, or family room for years to come.

Retail value: \$0

Thanks to: Oak Room Class

K-24. Crocheted bears

Bear Necessity

Make room in your menagerie for a "Burgbear." This crocheted critter measures 11 inches tall and is stuffed with non-allergenic poly-fil. Handwash and air dry or care. Available in red, light blue, red-and-blue stripe, and multi-color stripe. Four bears available.

Retail value: \$0

Thanks to: The Rideouts

K-25. Crocheted scrunchies

Hair Flair

A crocheted scrunchie is sure to add a little polish to your pony tail. Made of 100 percent cotton. Available in dark green and lime green.

Retail value: \$0

Thanks to: The Rideouts

K-26. Handknit children's sweater

Soft Touch

Sweater weather? Warm up your wee one in this dark green roll-neck, handknit with baby soft acrylic yarn. Machine wash and dry. Available in children's size 5.

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: The Rideouts

K-27. Selection of candles

Flame Throwers

Don't be caught in the dark! Stock up on beautiful, beeswax candles to light the night. Includes package of 4 hand-dipped candles and set of 5 hand-dipped curly candles, both 6 1/2" tall.

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Kate Gage

K-28. Knitted knight's helmet

Fit for Royalty

This knight's helmet is styled after a Norman nasal helmet complete with a knitted chainmail apron around the back of the neck. A comfy dress-up option for your little one battling Vikings or befriending dragons. Knit from light grey 85% wool and 15% alpaca. Sized to fit a 5-7 year old.

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: Spehn/Haimson

K-29. Flower arrangement with vase

Fresh Bloomers

Don't have a green thumb? Don't worry! Enjoy these fresh-cut hydrangeas plucked from an Acorn Hill family's garden and artfully arranged in a vase. Shades of blue. Available in May-July 2014. Fine print: May-July 2014

Retail value: \$35

Thanks to: Wong family

K-30. Flower arrangement with vase

Art in a Vase

Don't have a green thumb? Don't worry! Enjoy these fresh-cut hydrangeas plucked from an Acorn Hill family's garden and artfully arranged in a vase. Shades of blue. Available late May- July 2014.

Retail value: \$35

Thanks to: Wong family

K-31. Large-format photograph

Light Show

Banish blank walls—and start your very own art collection—with this 30" x 40" traditional darkroom color photograph by artist Amy Finkelstein. The image is of light that appears as an abstracted landscape. It is wrapped for viewing and transporting, but would need to be mounted/framed.

Retail value: \$400

Thanks to: Amy Finkelstein

K-32. Candle collection from Mrs. Daney's class

Light It Up

Are you beginning to see the light? You will with this collection of candles for every occasion. Includes birthday countdown candle, beeswax candles, birthday candles, tea lights, and a special birthday keepsake journal.

Retail value: \$70

Thanks to: Mrs. Daney's Class Donation

K-33. Large-format mounted photograph

Shoot the Moon

Make a statement with this 48" x 60" photograph of light that takes the shape of an abstracted moon. This traditional darkroom color photograph by Amy Finkelstein is mounted and ready to hang.

Retail value: \$800

Thanks to: Amy Finkelstein

K-34. Mounted photograph

Bright Horizons

From the photographer's studio to your walls just like that. Mounted and ready to hang, this 20" x 24" traditional darkroom color photograph features light and powder that resembles an abstracted landscape.

Retail value: \$300

Thanks to: Amy Finkelstein

K-35. Busy basket from Mrs. Brown's class

Idle Hands?

A Busy Basket chock full of items to distract and entertain your children on long car/plane rides or during rainy days or a long illness. Basket will include small scale treats, ranging from books, dolls, and miniature craft sets. Mrs. Brown would use such baskets filled with wrapped surprises to treat her children during long trips to Hawaii.

Retail value: \$60

Thanks to: Mrs. Brown's Dogwood Class

K-36. Wood room Signs

Imagination at Work

Kevin Daney will carve a wooden signs for the school. The signs will include the office and teacher's work room. For the school to earn these signs, it must collect \$200 total. Multiple bidders needed.

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Kevin Daney

K-37. Wood entry sign

A Grand Entrance

Kevin Daney will carve a wooden entrance sign for Acorn Hill. For the school to earn a sign, it must collect \$500. Multiple bidders encouraged.

Retail value: \$Priceless

Thanks to: Kevin Daney

K-38. *Baby girl gift basket*

Special Delivery

Give a warm welcome to a new arrival with this infant sweater handmade by an Acorn Hill grandmother, plus an organic cotton hat from Under the Nile and organic cotton ball/rattle.

Retail value: \$75

Thanks to: Chrissie Sewer

K-39. *Giclee print*

Flower Power

Bring the outside in with a signed 8" x 12" giclee print (from a set of 25) of Susannah Zak Figura's watercolor "Agapanthus." Native to South Africa, agapanthus means love flower. Some indigenous people use it as a love charm, while others use tinctures of the roots and rhizomes to ease difficult childbirths and to treat heart disease. There are even some who say the agapanthus plant can help ward off thunder. Printed with Epson Ultrachrome K3 inks on 310 gsm Hahnemuhle William Turner Watercolor Paper. Unframed.

Retail value: \$95

Thanks to: Susannah Zak Figura

K-40. *Market stand*

To Market, to Market

Picture this unique wooden market stand, complete with hand crafted fruits and vegetables, eggs and so much more, all ready for your child's creative play. Tired of marketing? Take the items off, and it becomes a puppet theater. Your child will derive hours upon hours of exploration from this auction item, thanks to the Handwork team.

Retail value: \$150

Thanks to: Handwork

K-41. *Honey dipper*

No More Sticky Fingers

Honey is sure to taste sweeter with this handcrafted maple dipper featuring a carved acorn top. It's the bee's knees.

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Ole and Ingrid Hass

K-42. Handcrafted wooden bowl

Catchy Catchall

We were bowled over by the beautiful grain and color of this simple 7" bowl handcrafted by a student's grandad in his woodshop.

Retail value: \$65

Thanks to: Ole and Ingrid Hass

K-43. Wood play blocks

Block Party

Set of wood blocks sanded and polished with love and presence by the parent/toddler classes. The wood comes from peach and cherry trees cut down (and up!) by Miss Liz with her chainsaw.

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: Sycamore classroom

K-44. Jade Necklace

A piece of the Philliphines

Gorgeous jade necklace handmade in the Philippines. This multi-strand necklace is a beautiful addition to any outfit.

Retail value: \$80

Thanks to: Emily Pidgeon

K-45. Handmade Basket

Beautiful Basket

Beautiful large Bread (or fruit Basket) handmade in the Philippines from natural fibers. Perfect for a special occasion or for everyday.

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Emily Pidgeon

Outings

O-1. Tour of American Public Media's "Marketplace" Washington Bureau

This is Marketplace

Great opportunity for a budding journalist or public media fan! Join "Marketplace" reporter & Acorn Hill parent Nancy Marshall-Genzer for a "Tour & Tea." At a mutually agreeable time, Nancy will lead you and one guest on a tour of Marketplace's small yet busy Washington Bureau, followed by a cup of tea (or coffee) with Nancy.

"Marketplace" from American Public Media is the popular business program carried by many public radio outlets & NPR affiliates, but please note that it's not part of NPR.

(Fans should note that hosts Kai Ryssdal & David Brancaccio are based in L.A. & N.Y.)

Fine print: Mutually agreeable time.

Retail value: \$0

Thanks to: Nancy Marshall-Genzer

O-2. Port Discovery Children's Museum Family Membership

Membership Has Its Priveleges

Enjoy the privileges of a 4-person annual membership to Port Discovery Children's Museum in Baltimore. It provides unlimited access to a gazillion hands-on learning opportunities disguised as a ball of fun! For more information visit www.portdiscovery.org.

Retail value: \$104

Thanks to: Port Discovery Children's Museum

O-3. Golf for three plus lunch or dinner

Who's your caddy?

Tee off with a friendly foursome at Sligo Creek Golf Course. Then enjoy lunch or dinner afterwards at Pacci's Trattoria in Forest Glen. Dileep Nair will be hosting this for three golfers.

Retail value: \$225

Thanks to: Nair

O-4. One Week of Camp

Fun in the Summertime

Help fulfill your kid's fresh air quota with a week of Summer Outdoor Fun Camp, run by Diane Tyburski, a veteran teacher at Acorn Hill. The camp, which has been in operation since 2004, is held in her backyard, near to Acorn Hill and walking distance to Silgo Creek. Open to children age 3 to 10. Fine print: Dates of camp to be determined by next week.

For one child.

Expires: 8/1/2014

Retail value: \$325

Thanks to: Diane Tyburski

O-5. Poker night out

Know when to hold 'em

The 3rd Annual Acorn Hill Series of Poker (AHSOP) is on! We'll play a casino style Texas Holdem Tournament with a special trophy and bragging rights for the winner. Have a great afternoon/evening out and contribute to Acorn Hill at the same time. \$45 per person, limited to the first 18 people to sign up. April 27th at 2PM at Ed Boyce's house, a short walk from Acorn Hill.

Retail value: \$45

Thanks to: Ed Boyce

O-6. Kids sports camp

Calling All Players

Enroll your sport-o for a one-week session at Takoma SportsCamps, located at Takoma Park Middle School. The camp was established in 1996 and serves boys and girls—ages 6.5 thru 14 years old, of all skill levels and abilities. The Summer of 2014 sessions are: Week 1: Baseball, June 16-20; Week 2: Baseball, June 23-27; Week 1: Softball, June 30-July 3; Week 1: Basketball, June 30-July 3; Week 2: Basketball, July 7- July 11; Week 3: Basketball, July 14- July 18. Please visit the website www.takomasportscamps.org or contact Louis Hoelman (301-588-3724 or tkSPORTSCAMPS@gmail.com) for additional information. Fine print: Offer valid for one child, between the ages of 6.5-14. Offer valid for Summer 2014 only. Fine print: for summer of 2014

Retail value: \$235

Thanks to: Takoma Sportscamps

O-7. *Painting at pottery studio*

Clay Date

Certificate good for four painters at Color Me Mine clay pottery studio, including studio fees and one piece of pottery (up to \$15) for each painter. Expires: 3/3/2015

Retail value: \$60

Thanks to: Color Me Mine

Services

S -1. *One Hour Family/ Child Photo Session

Picture This

One two hour family and/or child photo session on location with aspiring Photographer ;-) Prints and digital images may be purchased if so desired. No obligation. Fine print: Must find agreeable time and location Expires: 10/1/2014

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Zenamoon Photography

S-2. *Bike tune-up*

Burn fat, Not oil

Get your gears good to go with a tune-up at Takoma Bicycle, a professionally staffed, full-service bike shop located in the historic business district in Takoma Park Visit www.takomabicycle.com for more info.

Retail value: \$85

Thanks to: Takoma Bicycle

S-3. *Party Help for child crafting activities*

Have Fun at Your Own Party

If someone has a big party where there are kids, Natasha Nair will set up a table and do crafts with kids who want to participate.

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Natasha Nair

S-4. Library of Congress Tour

Behind the Shelves

An hour-long tour of the Library of Congress complex on Capitol Hill featuring highlights of all three buildings. Tour will include overviews of various exhibitions, examples of noteworthy exterior and interior architectural features, and travel through the underground tunnels connecting the buildings. Fine print: Tours may contain up to six people. Tour date and time determined by mutual agreement. Expires: 9/1/2014

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Anonymous

S-5. Photo booth rental

Come On, Get Snappy

Booth-o-Rama Photoboosts is offering a four hour rental that includes unlimited usage by guests for up to four hours and one custom photo strip printed on site per session. All photo strips will also be accessible via a private online gallery for guests to download additional copies for free. Two attendees will be present the entire time to assist guests. Perfect for weddings, birthday parties, anniversary parties, corporate events. Please visit www.Booth-o-Rama.com for more info. Event must be reserved and take place or before 11/30/14. Fine print: Saturdays in May, June, September and October are excluded Expires: 11/30/2014

Retail value: \$1450

Thanks to: Booth-o-Rama Photoboosts

S-6. Manicure gift certificate

Handy Helper

Take the gloves off—and treat your weather-beaten hands and nails to a much-needed manicure at Fantasy Nails and Spa.

Retail value: \$12

Thanks to: Fantasy Nails and Spa

S-7. Psychotherapy session

Healthy Choice

Just say no to drugs and yes to a 90-minute behavioral health informational meeting tailored to your interest from a licensed psychotherapist specializing in drug-free, holistic methods. Discover what holistic nutrition, integrative medicine, biofeedback, hypnosis and EMDR can do for you. Includes a print out of resources to your designated interest/question. Appointment availability limited. Most flexibility on weekdays and evenings. No Sunday appointments. Expires 3/8/2015.

Fine print: Not available on Sunday, very limited Saturday morning availability. Flexible weekday and evening availability.

Up to two people present, or available for a 30-45 minute group talk plus 15 minute question and answer time on one subject focus.

Retail value: \$225

Thanks to: Christine Marr

S-8. Income tax prep

Money In The Bank

Hate doing taxes? Let Larry do it! You'll be amazed how easy it is—and you will likely save some serious dough. You are bidding on a professionally prepared 2013 or 2014 federal tax return including Schedule A (Itemized Deductions) and one state return. Fine print: First-time clients only. Valid for 2013 or 2014 tax preparation. Expires: 3/3/2015

Retail value: \$350

Thanks to: Let Larry Do It

S-9. \$100 gift certificate to Fatty's Custom Tattooz

Tattoo You

Indulge in that long held fantasy of getting your own tattoo or a new piercing. Fatty's Custom Tattooz will fix you up with just what you need to add a little pizzazz to your life—wherever you think fits best. Good for tattooz, body piercing, art, jewelry or retail. Expires 3/8/2015.

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Fatty's Custom Tattooz

S-10. Photo package

Picture Perfect

Why not stow the old point-and-shoot and let a pro take over? No more blinking kids, red eye, or blurry action shots. Enjoy 1 to 2 hours of on-location photography by Lori Love (www.lorilovephotography.com). Donation includes photographer's time, talent and travel, three (3) low-resolution digital files, and one (1) 8x10" print. Images will be posted in an online gallery for review. Additional images may be ordered a la carte. Fine print: Up to 5 participants Expires: 3/8/2015

Retail value: \$300

Thanks to: Love Family

S-11. Salon haircut

Shear Bliss

Treat your tresses to a stylish snip at Silver Spring's Alchemy Salon. Good for one \$58 haircut. Visit www.alchemyhairsalon.com for more information. Fine print: Open 7 days a week - also offer kids cuts! Expires: 12/17/2014

Retail value: \$58

Thanks to: Alchemy Salon

S-12. Haircut and style

Cutting Edge

Turn heads with a fresh haircut and style by Melissa at Takoma Park's Salon Jam.

Retail value: \$45

Thanks to: Salon Jam

S-13. Car wash with full interior detail

Attention to Detail

Kids can wreak havoc on your ride. Cracker crumbs, sand, salt—oh my! Get your machine clean, courtesy of Herb Gordon Volvo. Leave the car to be detailed over the weekend and they will give a free convertible rental, too. Visit www.herbgorvondvolovofsilverspring.com for additional info. Fine print: Certificate expires within 6 months.

Retail value: \$400

Thanks to: Herb Gordon Volvo

S-14. Two lawn cutting visits

The Mow the Merrier

Get your yard in shape with two cutting services from Markwood Lawn & Landscape. The company provides a full range of superior landscaping services, including lawn care, landscaping and hardscaping at affordable rates. Visit www.markwoodlawnandlandscape to learn more.

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Markwood Lawn & Landscape

S-15. Haircut and style

Upper Cut

Polish your coif at Luxuria Salon & Spa, a gateway to beauty, relaxation, and peaceful luxury. Check out www.luxuriasalonandspa.com.

Retail value: \$75

Thanks to: Luxuria Salon & Spa

S-16. Golf round for 4 with cart

It's Tee Time

Come out swinging! Gather a foursome and enjoy 7,000 yards of pure golf at Northwest Golf Course. Includes use of golf cart. For more information, visit www.mcggolf.com/Courses/Northwest.aspx.

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Northwest Park Golf Course

S-17. 18 holes of golf for 4 with cart

Linked In?

Teed off? Head out to Laytonsville, MD and unwind with 18 holes at Blue Mash. Accommodates four people. Includes cart and warm-up balls. Weekday tee times only. For more course info, see www.bluemash.com.

Retail value: \$256

Thanks to: Blue Mash Golf Course

S-18. Plumbing inspection

Pipe Dreams

Better safe than sorry! Schedule a whole house plumbing inspection and enjoy \$25 off any repairs needed. Visit peddicordplumbingservices.com for more.

Retail value: \$160

Thanks to: Peddicord Plumbing

S-19. 2 deluxe car washes

Scrub-a-dub

Get your car squeaky clean—includes exterior and interior vacuum, windows washed, dashboard wiped down, tire wet for tires, etc. Includes 2 deluxe car washes.

www.fletchers4u.com.

Retail value: \$52

Thanks to: Fletcher's BP Gas Station

S-20. Guitar/stringed instrument maintenance and repair

Strung Out?

Tune up your guitar with this guitar set-up performed by Scott Morgan (www.smorganmusic.com), a local second generation luthier who custom builds and repairs beautiful instruments. His service is expert and includes: setting the action (string height), adjusting the truss rod, cleaning and adjusting the tuning keys, polishing frets, light cleaning, and a set of strings. Service appropriate for stringed instruments only.

Retail value: \$75

Thanks to: Morgan Stringed Instruments

S-21. Motorcycle or scooter repair

Get Your Motor Running

\$85 towards motorcycle or scooter repair/service. Cycles of Silver Spring offers you years of experience in motorcycle repair and maintenance.

www.cyclesofsilverspring.com Expires: 12/31/2014

Retail value: \$85

Thanks to: Cycles of Silver Spring

S-22. Wildlife Retreat Design Consultation

Create a Natural Haven in Your Own Backyard

Free consultation to help you design a backyard that is beautiful, native and will attract birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife. We will come to your house and help you select a variety of native plants that will do well in your backyard and that provide beautiful flowers or berries throughout the year. We'll suggest locations for wildlife features such as bird feeders, water baths, nest boxes and brush piles and provide other tips to help you create a natural haven for you and for wildlife right in your own backyard. Fine print: one backyard; consultations are best done in April or September.

Retail value: \$75

Thanks to: Aimee Weldon and Noah Kahn

S-23. Help When You Need It

Helping Hands

Handy Helper - 5 Hours of Help. - Can be used for organizing, cleaning, babysitting, raking leaves, helping with a party, etc. Can be used all together or in hour blocks. Expires: 4/1/2015

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Collick Family

S-24. Dog Walking

Doggone Perfect

One 30 minute dog walking service. Only Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning after Kindergarten drop off! Thanks! :-) Fine print: 2-4 dogs; only good for approx. three months due to possible relocation. Please contact immediately after winning bid! Thanks!

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: Anonymous

S-25. Make Your Own Website Seminar

See You Online!

Learn to make your own website with a 2-hour seminar. Seminar on April 10th at 7pm. Up to 10 participants Fine print: 10 people can make donations of \$10-15 each. They do not need to outbid each other. First come, first serve. Date of seminar: Tuesday, April 9th at 7pm in Downtown Silver Spring.

Retail value: \$90

Thanks to: Zeki Mokhtarzada

S-26. Middle or High School English Tutoring
Tutoring Time

Trained and experienced Waldorf High School English teacher and Acorn Hill parent, Kate Kennedy, offers 3 hours of tutoring - for middle school or high school student. Fine print: We will work to find a mutually agreeable time. Expires: 12/15/2014

Retail value: \$180

Thanks to: Kate Kennedy

S-27. Two-hour design & marketing consultation
Brand a New Business

Design/Branding. 2 hours of designer's time: can design any print, web, or video assets whether its logo, letterhead, business cards, or websites.

Retail value: \$120

Thanks to: Christos DeVaris

S-28. Car Towing
Sooner or Later, Everyone Needs a Tow

One-Way Free Car Tow. United Towing Company was established in 1979. They are proud to serve the citizens of Montgomery County, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Their quality service reputation consists of honesty, on-time arrivals and courteous service.

<http://www.unitedtowingcompany.com> Fine print: Pickup location has to be 10 miles or less from United Towing Rockville MD Lot.

Drop off location is required to be 15 miles or less from United Towing Rockville MD lot.

7000 pound limit to vehicle. Car must have wheels. Cars/SUVs only.

Other limitatio Expires: 12/31/2014

Retail value: \$125

Thanks to: United Towing

S-29. Dog Sitting

A Dog's Home Away from Home

Do you hate leaving your dog in a boring, sad kennel? Consider our house your dog's home away from home. We're offering a weekend of dog sitting (could be extended for an extra donation) in our home. Our house is located near Sligo Creek, where we take long walks and sometimes play in the water. We have a large home with a good sized, fenced in backyard. We have one large dog (only 10 months old) who loves to play and romp with other dogs and one 4 year old boy who loves to pretend he's a dog and romp and play with the dogs! We also have two cats, who do not love dogs, but who know how to run very fast!

Fine print: Your dog should be house trained and crate trained. For the safety of our family, if your dog is aggressive, we cannot accommodate him/her. Call as far in advance as possible, to check our availability. This doesn't have to be a weekend, but could be switched to any two days (consecutive or split) of your choosing.

Retail value: \$60

Thanks to: Jordan-Moorhouse

S-30. Barber shop \$20 gift certificate

Chop Shop

Take a little—or a lot—off the top at Dino's Barber Shop. You're sure to look sharp!

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Dino's Barber Shop

S-31. Ear Candelung Session

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Enjoy one session of ear candelung for both ears. Session lasts for approximately one hour and can take place in your home or mine, at a mutually convenient time.

Retail value: \$45

Thanks to: Ms. Sandi

S-32. Parent Coaching

Practical Help with Child Rearing

1.5 hour parenting consultation with Parent Encouragement Program (PEP) Founder Linda Jessup <http://www.pepparent.org/> Expires: 4/11/2014

Retail value: \$125

Thanks to: Linda Jessup

S-33. Petsitting (Except Dogs)

Know Your Animals are in Kind Care

Petsitting for cats or other small animals in tanks at your residence (no dogs) Fine print: Up to 7 days. Distance - 1 mile from Acorn Hill Expires: 10/31/2014

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Paula and James Kahn

S-34. Singing Lessons

Sing Out!

"Everyone can sing! That is the starting point for The School for Uncovering the Voice, begun by Frau Werbeck Sverdstrom in 1924. Ms. Sandi is a certified therapeutic singing teacher and is offering two sets of private lessons in how to find and develop your own voice, and experience joy in singing. Each session will offer 5 lessons of 45 minutes. Lessons will be tailor made to each individual's needs and goals. So, this spring, lift up your voice in celebration, or simply feel comfortable singing lullabies to your children. These sessions can also include how to play the children's lyre.-)" Fine print: The is a series of 5 lessons

Retail value: \$200

Thanks to: Ms. Sandi

S-35. Play structure design consultation with Devin Daney

Waldorf Play Structure

Do you walk by the wooden play structures and wish you had one in your home? Do you wish you could capture their beauty in your own backyard? You can! One-hour consultation with Kevin Daney to design your own custom play structure.

Retail value: \$300

Thanks to: Kevin Daney

S-36. Family Consultation

Bridge Home and School

"Bridging Home and School" 1 and 1/2 hour family consultation -

Last year this was the theme of parenting study group and this year Ms. Sandi is happy to offer two families a one and a half hour consultation on particular questions or issues with creating a home life that is supportive to all and helps children feel continuity between home and school cultures

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Ms. Sandi

S-37. Live Band

Let the Music Play

A concert by the Acorn Hillbillies, a musical group made up of current and / or former Acorn Hill parents, and their friends. The group has between two and four members, pleasing audiences all over the east coast since 2006 with their eclectic mix of music.

Retail value: \$500

Thanks to: Acorn Hillbillies

Shopping Spree

SS-1. \$50 gift certificate from Schneider's of Capitol Hill

In High Spirits

Take advantage of the knowledgeable, friendly staff at this wonderful boutique liquor store near Union Station, and treat yourself to a bottle of something special. Unlike many of its competitors, Schneider's does much of its own importing and, because of this, frequently offers great specials on individual bottles, cases, and old and rare wines. Its owners visit the wineries and distilleries from which they buy, ensuring top quality and an unusually large range of products, including private-label bottles.

Expires: 12:00:00 AM

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Quattrocchi / Holohan

SS-2. \$40 gift certificate to Plaza Artist Materials & Picture Framing

You Gogh, Girl!

Explore your creative side with materials from this local arts supply store. Expires May 23, 2014. Fine print: Limit 1 per visit Expires: 5/23/2014

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Aoi and Marcus Jones

SS-3. \$20 gift certificate to Georgetown Cupcake

You Take the Cake

\$20 Gift certificate to Georgetown Cupcake

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Melanie Pipes and Noah Morowitz

SS-4. \$100 gift certificate to Silver Stars Gymnastics

I'll Tumble 4 Ya

Gift Card redeemable towards classes, camp, gift store, birthday parties, and more. Fine print: Card must be presented to redeem.

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Silver Stars Gymnastics

SS-5. \$25 gift certificate to Catch Can

Catch As Catch Can

Shop for gifts at this unique local women's clothing, accessories, and housewares store. Expires February 1, 2015. Expires: 2/1/2015

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Catch Can

SS-6. \$25 Gift Certificate from Capital City Cheesecake

Creamy Goodness

Choose mini or large confections in flavors such as lemon berry, salted caramel, and spicy chocolate cheesecake truffle.

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Capital City Cheesecake

SS-7. \$20 Gift Certificate from The Original Velatis

Guaranteed to Melt in Your Mouth

With a long history of making D.C. a little sweeter, Velatis offers a variety of treats to assuage your sweet tooth, including Chocolate Chewy Sea Salt and Chocolate Chewy Marshmallow Caramels and Amy's Toffee.

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Velatis

SS-8. \$20 gift certificate from Cakelove

It's Always from Scratch

Washington's original cupcake bakery serves made-from-scratch sweet treats in flavors such as strawberries and cream, red velvet, and toffee crunch. Their storefronts even offer some vegan, gluten-free, and low-sugar items. Expires December 2014. Fine print: Silver Spring location has closed. Gift Card may be used at U STREET, DC, SHIRLINGTON, VA or NATIONAL HARBOR, MD locations. Expires: 12/1/2014

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Cakelove

Tasty Treats

TT-1. Celebrate Good Times, Come On!

Gluten-free layer cake

Make your next celebration unforgettable with this special-occasion layer cake. Moist and delicious nine-inch cake is your choice of chocolate or vanilla. Allergens or sensitivities to dairy, soy, nuts, etc. may be accommodated, as well. Expires: 6/1/2014

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Kathleen O'Neil

TT-2. Breakfast goody basket

Breakfast in Bed

Delivered to your doorstep, your family can enjoy a basket filled with homemade coconut/pistachio/cherry granola, Greek yogurt, candied ginger scones with double cream, artisanal honey, and fresh fruit. Wash it all down with bottled water. Serves 4–6 people. Please provide one week's notice. Expires March 31, 2015. Fine print: Kindly give one week advance notice. Expires: 3/31/2015

Retail value: \$65

Thanks to: Alexa Whiteside

TT-3. *Three jars of homemade jam*

Jam On

Delectable jam, prepared with fruits that are either organic, from the farmer's market, or super local, picked by Acorn Hill's own Janet Johnson.

Retail value: \$0

Thanks to: Janet Johnson

TT-4. *Three jars of homemade jam*

Jam On

Delectable jam, prepared with fruits that are either organic, from the farmer's market, or super local, picked by Acorn Hill's own Janet Johnson.

Retail value: \$0

Thanks to: Janet Johnson

TT-5. *1 raw fruit pie*

If Summer Had a Flavor...

Enjoy a freshly made pie, prepared with ingredients such as banana, pineapple, mango, strawberry, raspberry, kiwi, blueberry, or shredded coconut and an almond, date, and cinnamon crust. Ingredients subject to change according to seasonal availability.

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: Valois Family

TT-6. *One seasonal organic fruit pie*

Pie in the Sky

Treat yourself to a delicious pie with organic whipped cream and homemade vanilla sugar. Made with the season's ripest, juiciest fruits, spring might see strawberry-rhubarb and summer, peach-raspberry. It will be the indulgence of the season! Please provide one week's notice. Expires October 2014. Fine print: Please request pie at least one week prior to date needed. Expires: 10/1/2014

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Wong family

TT-7. *Chocolate layer cake with Nutella ganache and bittersweet chocolate glaze*
Let Them Eat Cake

One special-occasion chocolate layer cake, piped with chocolate-hazelnut ganache, and drizzled in bittersweet chocolate glaze. Rich, moist, and cause for celebration. Feeds 14-16. Please provide two weeks' notice. Expires March 8, 2015. Fine print: Two weeks' notice required. Expires: 3/8/2015

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Clarke/Mosier Family

TT-8. *Pavlova*

Drool Like Pavlov's Dog

Indulge yourself with Australia's national dessert, the Pavlova—a large meringue covered in freshly whipped cream and ripe, juicy fruit. Fabulous for a celebration or opulent summer's evening. Serves 8–10. Please provide one week's notice. Expires September 30, 2014. Fine print: Please give me give at least one week's notice. Expires: 9/30/2014

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Pidgeon - English

TT-9. *Napa Valley wine and decadent chocolates*

Wine and Chocolate. Need We Say More?

Three bottles of Napa Valley's Girard Old Vine Zinfandel in consecutive years from 2004 to 2006 and a goody box of rich chocolates from local store - The Chocolate Moose.

Retail value: \$100

Thanks to: Bartlett Family

TT-10. *Gluten- and dairy-free layer cake*

Have Your Cake and Eat It, Too

Have a special someone who loves cake, but can't eat gluten or dairy? Have a celebration coming up that demands just the right confection? Choose a layer cake in lemon, chocolate, or vanilla, frosted and decorated to your specifications (within reason). Lemon comprises lemon cake (made with eggs), vegan lemon curd, and vegan lemon buttercream (both contain soy and palm fat). Chocolate is rich and fudgy, with vanilla, chocolate or mocha vegan buttercream. Vanilla cake is light, delicious, and crowd-pleasing. All three will be a hit with kids and adults alike, and no one will know they are gluten-free unless you tell them! Please provide at least two weeks' notice, and contact donor to find mutually agreeable date. Pick up at Acorn Hill or mutually convenient location. Fine print: Cake must be requested with minimum 2 weeks notice and for a mutually convenient date. Pick up at Acorn Hill or mutually convenient location.

Retail value: \$55

Thanks to: Bailey Whiteman

TT-11. *Weekend Dinner for Four*

Party of Four

Feast on your choice of a fish, chicken, or lamb supper with fresh vegetables. Dinner can either be picked up at donor's house or delivered to Acorn Hill on a Friday afternoon.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Kadi Kone

TT-12. *Raw vegan chocolate cheesecake*

I Can't Believe It's Not CHEESEcake

Treat your family to a delicious, gluten-free, dessert that is so rich and creamy they will not believe it is vegan. Contains nuts.

Retail value: \$50

Thanks to: Aimee Lykins Lawson

TT-13. *Two dozen raw vegan oatmeal-chocolate chip cookies*

Rawsome Indulgence

Relax at the end of a long day with a batch of healthy and delectable raw vegan oatmeal-chocolate chip cookies. Contain nuts.

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Aimee Lykins Lawson

TT-14. *Raw vegan lemon cheesecake*

If Life Hands You Lemons...

...make lemon cheesecake! Delight in this tangy, rich confection while sticking to your vegan diet.

Retail value: \$40

Thanks to: Aimee Lykins Lawson

TT-15. *Organic chocolate swirl cheesecake*

Decadent Delight

Dark, velvety chocolate. Rich, creamy cheese. Swirled together and baked to perfection. Come on, bid already!

Retail value: \$30

Thanks to: Nicole Cintas

TT-16. *One dozen cupcakes*

It's Cupcake O'Clock Somewhere

Treat your family to six chocolate and six vanilla cupcakes made from the world-famous Magnolia Bakery recipe. Requires one week's notice. Fine print: Please give one week's notice.

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Anonymous

TT-17. *One dozen cupcakes*

Nothin' Says Lovin' Like Somethin' From the Oven

Chow down on one dozen chocolate cherry cupcakes. Expires September 1, 2014.

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Cathie Faint

TT-18. *Four dozen cannoli*

Holy Cannoli

Satisfy your sweet tooth—and then some—with four dozen creamy cannoli with chocolate-dipped shells from Silver Spring’s own Vaccaro’s Desserts. Family owned and founded in 1906. Named best DC cannoli by Washingtonian. Filling and shells come separately to ensure freshness. Expires September 8, 2014. Fine print: use within 6 mos. Vaccaros will turn in a letter to Acorn Hill for winner to bring to Vaccaros on Brookeville road to pick up their cannolis.

Retail value: \$45

Thanks to: Vaccaros Desserts

TT-19. *Homemade fruit pie*

Easy as Pie

One delicious, seasonal fruit pie, made from scratch. Available as gluten- and/or dairy-free (although not vegan). Can be provided fresh-baked or frozen. Expires November 15, 2014. Requires one week’s notice. Fine print: Please allow one week for pie assembly. Expires: 11/15/2014

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Anonymous

TT-20. *Homemade fruit pie*

Easy as Pie

One delicious, seasonal fruit pie, made from scratch. Available as gluten- and/or dairy-free (although not vegan). Can be provided fresh-baked or frozen. Expires November 15, 2014. Requires one week’s notice. Fine print: Please allow one week for pie assembly. Expires: 11/15/2014

Retail value: \$25

Thanks to: Anonymous

TT-21. *Three dozen gluten-, dairy-, and soy-free banana chocolate chip muffins*

World's Best Muffins

These banana chocolate chip muffins are so moist, delicious, and flavorful that kids and adults alike will devour them, never realizing what's NOT inside. The best GF/DF/SF muffins you will ever eat, word on the street is that these will be a hot item, so bid early and bid often! Not vegan.

Retail value: \$60

Thanks to: Bailey Whiteman

TT-22. *Sweet breads and muffins*

Just Like Grandmom Used to Make

Jazz up your breakfast table with delicious sweet breads made from Grandmom's best recipes. Includes one loaf each of banana oatmeal, pumpkin, and date nut breads, plus one dozen applesauce-oatmeal muffins. The breads freeze well for later enjoyment. Requires two weeks' notice. Fine print: Please give two weeks' notice to give us time to bake!

Retail value: \$20

Thanks to: Anonymous

TT-23. *3L bottle of St Supéry Élu Meritage 2002*

A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread, and Thou

Pair this big, bold Bordeaux blend at your next dinner party with beef, lamb, duck, or pork.

Retail value: \$400

Thanks to: The Chan Family

TT-24. *Organic tomatoes fresh from the garden*

You Say Tomato, I Say Tomahto

Treat yourself to a small container of organic, home-grown tomatoes from the Marshall-Genzer garden. Sizes vary, and fruit will be available in August 2014. Fine print: Sizes Vary and of course, dependent on the weather. Probably in August when Harvest should be reasonable Expires: 9/14/2014

Retail value: \$15

Thanks to: Genzer-Marshall Family

Tickets

T-1. *Two Tickets to Imagination Stage*

I Did a Theatrical Performance About Puns. It Was a Play On Words.

Voucher for two tickets to any performance at Lerner Family Theatre during the remainder of its 2013-2014 season. Expires August 10, 2014. Expires: 8/10/2014

Retail value: \$88

Thanks to: Imagination Stage

T-2. Four deluxe tickets to a Nationals baseball game

Buy Me Some Peanuts and Cracker Jacks

Watch our home team in style, right behind home plate in the Diamond Club. Enjoy free food and drink in the restaurant or delivered to you in your seat. Includes parking in the garage next to the stadium. Contact donor to arrange date. Expires: 9/1/2014 Fine Print: Live Auction Item.

Retail value: \$640

Thanks to: Tom & Rachel Bridenbaugh

T-3. Package of four tickets to two children's performances at the Kennedy Center

Excite Your Child's Imagination

Enjoy some one-on-one time with your child at the Kennedy Center. Package includes two tickets each to "Me and My Shadow" (Saturday, April 26th at 1:30pm) and "Two Divas and a Bear!" (Saturday, May 24th at 1:30pm). A new show from Australia's renowned Patch Theatre Company, "Me and My Shadow" uses a combination of light and shadow, paper and water, fantastical imagery, and intriguing sounds to reveal the perplexities and pleasures of friendship for children aged 4 and up. In a performance for 3 to 5-year-olds, "Two Divas and a Bear!" brings together a concert violinist, an opera singer, and everyone's favorite stuffed animal to explore the human voice. All tickets are in the Trustee's Box in the Family Theater, an intimate space designed to accommodate young children and families.

Retail value: \$500

Thanks to: The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

T-4. Two tickets to the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

All the World's a Stage

Enjoy two tickets to any performance during the remainder of the 2013–2014 season at the renowned University of Maryland Performing Arts Venue. Upcoming events include a family-friendly performance of "Peter and the Wolf," a panel on global food policy and hunger, chamber music, and opera. Expires: 6/28/2014

Retail value: \$80

Thanks to: Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

T-5. *Two tickets to Washington Wizards game*

Hoop Dreams

Have a night out at Washington, D.C.'s best sports venue, and root for the Washington Wizards as they play the Phoenix Suns. Game is March 26, 2014, at 7pm at the Verizon Center.

Retail value: \$220

Thanks to: American Pest

T-6. *Two tickets to the Bach Sinfonia*

Roll Over, Beethoven

Two tickets to any upcoming Bach Sinfonia Concert in either the 2013-2014 or 2014-2015 season. Children under 14 are admitted free to the concerts, which are held at Silver Spring's Cultural Arts Center. Expires: 5/1/2015

Retail value: \$60

Thanks to: The Bach Sinfonia