Saturday, August 15, 2015

Sneak Peek

Auction Highlights

American Cancer Society

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The 11th annual Summer Lights Celebration Gala is only a few weeks away!

In this Sneak Peek you will find some highlights of what is in store for the evening. We hope you will be as excited as we are!

We have assembled some unique one-of-a kind packages for the Live Auction and some great Silent Auction items! Some of these are first time offers and others are favorites from previous years.

Venturi, Inc. and Century Automotive, our presenting sponsors for this event, on behalf of the American Cancer Society, encourage you to join in the fun of the evening and bid generously on these spectacular items!

Auction proceeds and personal donations help local cancer patients in treatment. These funds also provide access to preventative wellness programs designed to increase awareness for prevention and early detection. Funding will also support Hope Lodge, providing cost-free housing for families and caregivers of cancer patients during treatment away from home. All contributions to the Research Fund are 100% dedicated to cutting edge research, development of diagnostic tools and treatment protocol/schema, and new, improved and less invasive pharmaceuticals to increase survivability and quality of life.

We look forward to spending a fun evening with you and exceeding our fund raising goals!

You are a vital partner in the battle against cancer. Together, we make a difference... Today and Tomorrow... helping Celebrate more Birthdays!

I look forward to seeing you at the Gala!

Felicia Riggs Cook
2015 Gala Chair
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Highlighted Item

Under A Tuscan Sun

A weeklong stay in gorgeous Tuscany at a private villa for six
Stay seven nights (Saturday - Saturday) in a beautifully restored 3-bedroom home, located in Cortona, Italy. Enjoy three floors of living space that has a total capacity of six people plus one child. Two bedrooms have queen-sized beds and the third has two twins. The home also includes a TV, DVD, bar area in the living room, and washing machine. The kitchen is complete with modern amenities. Cortona is a 3,000 year-old Etruscan hill-town conveniently situated in Tuscany between Florence and Rome.
Value: $5,200
“Jet”-Set Trip

Two tickets to see the New York Jets vs. the Tennessee Titans in the Met-Life Stadium in the Meadowlands! Seats are located at the Chase Club Goal Line with access to Chase Club Lounge. Game date is Sunday, December 13th at 1 p.m., with an overnight stay in the city included. Provided by Bob and Beth Altenkirch, and Starwood Hotels and Resorts. Value: $2,000

The annual rivalry game between the University of Alabama Crimson Tide and the Tennessee Volunteers takes place on October 24th in Bryant Denny Stadium—and we’ve got two tickets to this sought-after game for die-hard college football fans! This package includes a private plane ride in a 1972 piper Cherokee -6 single engine piston six-seater, to and from the event and a meal for two at Dreamland BBQ. Value: $2,000
A Weekend at the Lake

Enjoy a weekend stay in a fantastic lake home on beautiful Lake Guntersville for four! Enjoy a Pontoon Boat Ride, Float Plane Excursion, and a Fantastic Six-Course Meal with wine on Sunday Night prepared by Chef Tom Chapman of Nick’s Ristorante (voted “Best Steak” in North Alabama) and sommelier Joey Hicks. Float plane provided by Michael Kirkpatrick of DSE Research; Lake Home and Pontoon Boat provided by Kevin and Kathy Paulson; Dinner provided by Nick’s Ristorante. Expires August 2016. Value: $2,000

A New You!

Feel Better, and Look Better with a wide range of products and services – from Botox, to Facials and Peels, to Cosmetic Surgery- Dunagan Yates & Alison’s wide range of services helps you create and maintain a beautiful appearance! Provided by Dunagan Yates & Alison Plastic Surgery Center. Value: $3,000
Celebrity Chef Matt Gallaher prepares a special dinner just for you and seven of your guests. Matt, former personal chef to Tennessee Governor Haslam, is now owner and chef of Knox Mason Restaurant in Knoxville named the best place for dinner in the “Best of Knoxville” article by the Travel Channel. Dinner includes wine pairings and will be held in the lovely home of Debra Wymer on a mutually agreeable date. Expires July 2016. Value: $3,500

**A Girl's Best Friend**

Donated by David’s Jewelry

A brilliant center stone weighing .625 carat in a G color sparkles from the middle of this 14 carat gold ring, surrounded by 1.5 carats in diamonds. A gorgeous piece for every occasion! Value: $5,000
Prepare for a fantastic foursome trip to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, where you’ll be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn at Ponte Vedra Beach, and golfing at TPC Sawgrass, home of THE PLAYERS Championship and backdrop to the PGA Tours headquarters. Provided by John and Patsy Shields, with special thanks to the Hilton Garden Inn at Ponte Vedra. Expires April 10, 2016. Value: $2,500

A Night in Havana

This exciting and imaginative evening will be remembered and talked about long after the glamorous evening is over. Twelve guests will enjoy Mojitos/cocktails, dinner, wine, desserts, espresso and aged rum at the home of Ana and Jim Byrne on Monte Sano mountain. Dinner to be planned on a mutually agreeable date. Expires August 2016. Provided by Ana and Jim Byrne, Betsy and Noel Estopinal, Beth Griggs, Radhika Kakanini, Melissa Musgrove, and LeeLee Wiginton of Lyn’s Gracious Goodness. Expires August 2016. Value: $3,000
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Highlighted Item

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

The world’s largest live entertainment and livestock exhibition features concerts from today’s biggest artists and amazing rodeo events, as well as horse shows and activities for all ages.

Thanks to Jamie Ehrman for Director Suite passes, Elizabeth Cantu for general seating passes, the JW Marriott Houston Downtown, Cricket by the Creek in Decatur, and Diana and Dave King.
This package offers two tickets for two DIFFERENT nights at RODEOHouston: one night includes two seats in the impossible-to-get Director’s Suite and one night includes general admission; accommodations, a voucher for airfare, and a pair of Corral boots from Cricket by the Creek. The RODEOHouston runs from March 1-20, 2016, and the winning bidder can pick their dates (some exceptions apply). This is a unique, memorable experience: whether you love music, breathtaking shows, or good ol’ fashioned bull-riding, this trip is not to be missed!

Value: $3,800

2015’s concert lineup included Miranda Lambert, Tim McGraw, the Zac Brown Band, and Eric Church among many, many others!
Relax and enjoy a traditional Spanish dinner for 16 at The Bottle’s Private Room. Transport your taste buds to Spain and let Huntsville’s premier International Chef, Chris McDonald indulge you with traditional tapas appetizers followed by a seafood paella and a traditional dessert. Hosted by Rey and Cynthia Almodovar. Value: $2,000

Diamonds Are Forever

A gorgeous and unique cocktail ring in 14 carat white gold, containing seven round brilliant-cut diamonds, weighing a total of .8 carats with an average of G color, and SI2 clarity. Donated by Alexander’s Jewelry. Value: $3,500
This one-of-a-kind pendant necklace was custom designed especially for this year's Summer Lights Celebration Gala. The pendant features a large center diamond encircled by 12 smaller bezel set diamonds, all set in a brushed 14k white gold disk. The inner circle is surrounded by another circle of brilliant diamonds, for a total of more than 2 carats of dazzling diamonds. As a special feature for the Gala, the pendant is topped with a cancer ribbon to commemorate this event.

Value: $7,500

And Don’t Miss...

Donny's Diamond Challenge!

Guess the Glitz, Get the Glam!

Buy a ticket and guess the number of "diamonds" in the crystal martini glass! The person coming closest wins their choice of one of three spectacular pieces of jewelry, all from Donny’s Diamond Gallery and each piece is valued at several thousand dollars.

Only 50 tickets will be sold, each at $100.