

Possible Donations for RRUUC Spring Services Auction

- **Great Escapes** – offer a getaway to place near and far.
- **Tickets to Entertainment** – sporting, theatre, etc.
- **Wining And Dining** - popular auction items bring people together.
- **At Your Service** – offer your expertise, skills, and time to offer services or do tasks people put off. “HANDY-PEOPLE services” would be great!
- **Gourmet/Gourmand/Bakery** - Everyone loves something delicious made by someone else!
- **Tech Savvy Tutorials** - People want help for themselves or family members!
- **Health, Beauty and Self-Care** - Share your favorite routines.
- **Arts and Crafts** – host an event, teach others or make personalized items.
- **Gift Cards** from local businesses are great ideas.

TIPS:

- Think of ways to make offerings include children and families.
- You have the option of requiring a home covid test and/or facemask for anything you offer.
- Other than “made-to-order” items, please save any other Good Goods to donate to our **RRUUC Bazaar, Nov. 16, 2024.**
 - (*Note: if you have any individual items to donate worth over ~\$200, at any time of year, we can potentially arrange to have the item sold at an Auction house with proceeds back to RRUUC. If interested, contact sueschneider4@gmail.com*)

For a more detailed list of inspiring possibilities, see the following pages.

GREAT ESCAPES

As the weather gets warmer, RRUUC members and families are looking for ways to get away and get outside.

- Share your vacation home for a weekend or longer
- Provide a picnic lunch at a nearby park
- Offer a tour of a museum, the zoo or national, state or local park that interests you
- Offer a tour and tasting at a local winery
- Lead your favorite hike or guide a birding or plant identification walk
- Lead a bike trip around DC's many rideable sites and paths
- Host a pool party in your backyard or at a local pool that allows guests
- Provide a boating, kayaking, canoeing or fishing outing
- Host a travel tips session on a popular travel destination that you know especially well (host on zoom or in person)
- Offer a backyard or park demonstration and tutorial to get started with or enhance camping
- Offer a tutorial on finding accommodations by using Air B and B, VRBO and/or other hosting services
- Offer an evening of stargazing with snacks/drinks

WINING AND DINING

Some of the most popular auction items bring people together. You could:

- Host a themed dinner in your home (e.g. Indian, New Orleans, Italian, French, etc.).
- Host an afternoon tea or dessert party
- Host a Sunday brunch after services
- Host a cocktail party (non-alcoholic, too!)
- Host a wine, beer, or spirits tasting
- Host a party / games night with food and/or drink
- Host a summer barbecue with lawn games
- Host a cupcake decorating party – great for families
- Host a holiday cookie exchange

AT YOUR SERVICE

Use your expertise, skills, and time to offer valuable services or do tasks people put off.

- Babysitting
- Art projects
- Hanging art
- Cooking /baking classes
- Tutoring
- Computer assistance
- Business consulting
- Writing/editing assistance
- Typing /transcribing
- Music lessons
- Party helper for set up, serving and clean up (children's or adult party)
- Yoga
- Personal Training
- Pet sitting/dog walking
- Airport transportation
- Washing cars
- Home repairs
- Bike repairs/tune up
- Food shopping service
- Basic clothes mending
- Ironing table linens
- Polishing silver
- Organizing/decluttering
- Landscaping, yard work, or gardening assistance/training
- Watering gardens or houseplants while people travel
- Decorating for Christmas or other events (outside/inside) using the owners' decor

SPORTS CALL

Are you a sports fan? How can you share your love of sports with someone else?

- Tickets for a local sports event
- Gift pass / certificate to a local Gym, Yoga, or Martial Arts studios

- Intro to pickle ball
- Teach how to ride a bike or how to bike more safely
- Swim lessons
- Intro skating lessons/passes
- Bowling lessons/passes
- Tennis lessons
- Dance lessons
- Exercise classes
- Self-defense basics
- Rock climbing (indoor or outdoor) experience/lessons

GOURMET/GOURMAND/BAKERY

Everyone loves something delicious!

- Prepared/delivered meals (breakfast, brunch, lunch, or dinner)
- Prepare and deliver a full dinner (e.g. French dinner, lasagna dinner, vegan meal, etc.)
- Prepare frozen meals for busy families
- Prepared/delivered special treats (holiday pies, birthday treats, appetizers)
- Monthly ongoing deliveries: bread, cookies, soup, fruit or coffee of the month

TECH SAVVY TUTORIALS

People want help! People want their parents to learn! Share what you've learned or have your teen or grandchild share what they know. You don't need to be the ultimate help desk expert to help others.

- Introduction to the iPhone or iPad (or any device)
- How to get more from some of the standard features on your iPhone (or specify other device)
- How to improve your use of Zoom with settings, lighting, hosting, presentations
- Useful apps to love (free or minimal fee)
- Finding Podcasts to love
- Ways to better use your iPhone's camera and photo apps to take, label, edit, organize and share photos and videos

- Using transportation apps (how to send your location by dropping a pin, Uber, Lyft, Waze, Google maps, find my car, local parking meter apps)
- Using music apps (Pandora, Spotify, You Tube music), using Sound Hound or Shazam to identify music, making and sharing playlists
- How to use Facebook or Instagram or other social media
- How to use or better use PowerPoint, spreadsheets, Google docs/presentations, etc.
- Gaming systems explained and demonstrated: choices in systems and choices in games for different ages
- How to do basic genealogy research online
- Advice on setting up or improving WiFi/internet connection in your home with a home visit

FAMILY / CHILDRENS' CORNER

Family time is precious. Find fun ways for families to enjoy things together.

- Host an in-person or virtual game night. For example:
 - Host Jackbox Online Game Nights plus delivered/pick-up snacks
 - Lead a Dungeons & Dragons session
 - Host a party games or board games event – supply (and teach) the games, provide food, etc.
 - Karaoke party
- Older children can “host” with adult help! For example:
 - Lego party
 - Puppet show
 - Tea party with dress-up
 - Cupcake decorating

HEALTH, BEAUTY and SELF-CARE

We all like to be pampered. Share your favorite routines.

- Spa, hair salon, or massage gift certificate
- Floral design (one-time service, or a monthly/seasonal flowers)
- Fancy manicure
- Hair dyeing assistance

ARTS AND CRAFTS CORNER

We have many skilled artisans in the RRUUC community. Share your creativity!

- Host an event where your guests create something they can take home
- Teach someone to sew, knit, etc.
- Make a personalized item to order (pillow, baby blanket, pendant, ornament, etc.)

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Calling poets, musicians, actors, and lovers of the arts:

- Offer an event to showcase your talents
- Donate tickets to local concerts or theaters
- Offer a tutorial on free ways to hear musical performances or offer tips for ushering or getting discounts on performances

GIFT CARDS

Buying and donating gift cards are a great way to let bidders buy what they want. Ask your favorite local service providers to donate certificates – exposure to our community is a great perk for them. Actual cards needed—no e-cards.

- Local shops
- Coffee shops
- Restaurants
- Winery, brewery, or distillery
- Grocery store
- Apple, Google Play, X-Box, Nintendo, or Steam
- Amazon or online store such as Target