

BASKET SUGGESTIONS FOR GALA AUCTION

TOYS/KIDS

American Girl Basket

One American Girl doll, One or two outfits, American Girl books...(This one tends to be expensive, so it will be a smaller basket)

Art Basket

Paints, crayons, brushes, paper, small easel, stamps, stamp pads, paper stock, beads, string, scissors, glue, smocks, etc. Everything you need for endless art projects on a rainy day.

Dollhouse

Fully furnished dollhouse, (lighting optional, depends how ambitious you are)
Wallpapered with small family and dog included.

Games, Games, Games

Monopoly, Life, Twister, Jenga, etc. Use the classics or assemble your own collection.

Magic Basket

Harry Potter DVDs, magic tricks, books on how to do magic, wand, hat etc.

Pirate Party Basket

Eye patches, foam swords, pirate hats, chocolate gold coins.

Pokemon Basket

Pokemon action figures (two or three), several packs of Pokemon cards, Pokemon games (Toys R Us or Sullivans), several Pokemon movies (DVDs usually can be purchased at target), books and comics (Target or Barnes and Noble)

Spy basket

Listening devices, secret cameras; binoculars with night vision, tickets to the museum, etc. All can be purchased in local toy stores. You also have the option to go to the spy museum downtown to get a few more authentic items:)

Thomas the Tank Engine Basket or play table full of these items

Thomas play table (optional), seven or eight wooden trains, carrying case, set of tracks (bridges and water tanks if you want to), Mr. and Mrs. Sir Topam Hat (small wooden figures), Thomas books, movies, stickers, lunchbox, etc.

Walt Disney World Basket

Disney characters stuffed animals, Disney play sets (Disney store), Disney movies, Disney World vacation/tickets?? (OK, that's a pipe dream, but ...when you wish upon a star...)

FAMILY/ADULTS

Athlete in Training

Personal trainer sessions, gym membership, towel, gift card to sporting goods store, swim lessons, bike tuneup, running group membership.

Bogeys & Birdies & Eagles - Oh My!

Golf themed – tees, golf balls, round of golf, visor, glove, a few classes with a pro, sunscreen, gift card to golf store.

BBQ Basket

BBQ tools, marinades, rubs, cedar planks, grill baskets, propane taxi gift certificate, apron...

Deck the Halls

Christmas ornaments, tree skirt, gingerbread house kit, stockings, cookie cutters, Christmas crafts, wrapping papers, gift tags.

Everything Zen

Yoga basket including mat, towel, water bottle, introductory pass to local studio (Ashtanga, Bikram, hot yoga, all on Wisconsin Ave.), yoga DVD.

Game, Set, Match

Tennis-themed "basket" or put items in a tennis racquet bag or ball carrying basket! Balls, visor, sunscreen, ball basket, lessons with a pro, gift card to sporting store for apparel/gear, tickets to next year's Legg Mason, US Open, Wimbledon (joke).

Gourmet Chef Basket

Apron, bakeware, basic gadgets, recipe books ... hard to find items for the chef in all of us (Sur la Table, Williams Sonoma), certificate for a cooking class.

Green Thumb Basket

Gardening tools, gloves, hat, kneeling pad, bug spray, landscaping gift certificate, garden planning consult, month of lawn service.

Greetings Galore

Cards for every occasion (Costco sells amazing cards in bulk), postage stamps, rubber stamps, stickers, fun pens, calligraphy class, stationery.

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iPod, iTunes card, iPod accessories (can be combined with "athlete in training" basket)

Italian Wines and Pasta basket

Three bottles of good red, three bottles of good white; picnic basket with glasses, corkscrew and tablecloth; book about fine wines; pasta, colander, large cozy blanket for overlooking the hillside while sipping.

Night at the Movies basket

Five to 10 classic movies, popcorn, Fandango movie tickets (gift certificates), portable DVD player.

Photo Basket

Digital camera, frames, album, gift certificate for printing digital pictures (Costco, local store on MacArthur, CVS), photo shoot with professional.

Spa Day, Take Me Away

Gift certificates for manicure, pedicure, massage, other salon services, at home spa items like pedicure kits, candles, soothing CDs... not just limited to women – visit Grooming Lounge for ideas for men www.groominglounge.com.

Tailgate Basket (or stock a cooler!)

Cooler, blankets, bottle opener, ice packs, coozies, thermoses, beer glasses, chips, pretzels, Gameday tickets?

*If you have any items at all and can't think of a way to use them just bring them to us!!!
Don't forget tickets to sporting events, friends or families with vacation homes, gift certificates to ANY store.*