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Cool Cats

SUNSET AFFAIR



AUCTION CATALOG & EVENT PROGRAM

PRODUCED BY COMO FRIENDS
TO SUPPORT COMO PARK ZOO AND CONSERVATORY

Thursday, July 17, 2014
5:30PM – 10:00PM

FUND-a-Need for Como

We're pleased that you'll be joining us for Travelers Sunset Affair: Cool Cats. This summer gala is Como Friends' largest fundraiser of the year, a community gathering to ensure this Twin Cities treasure stays true to its roots, and remains free to visitors every day of the year.

Making a contribution toward our fund-a-need drive is a great way to see your support go right to work at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

Contributions of any size at Travelers Sunset Affair can make a difference at Como.

Thank You!

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TRAVELERS SUNSET AFFAIR: COOL CATS

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WELCOME TO TRAVELERS SUNSET AFFAIR: COOL CATS

Dear Friends:

Lynette enjoys her Saturday mornings helping to prepare enrichment items for Como's Large Cats as well as assisting with family education classes, such as "Big Cat Breakfast" - teaching the next generation about the wild and precious animals that share our natural world.

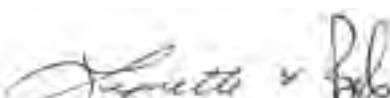
Like so many other Como volunteers, we both wish we could invite everyone we know behind-the-scenes at Como to see the tremendous care that goes into everything from keeping these magnificent lions and tigers healthy, to cultivating the gorgeous gardens around this campus. The more we've come to know about Como, the more committed we feel about keeping it free and fabulous long into the future.

Tonight our wish comes true, as more than 500 guests—a new record for this summer gala—will have the rare opportunity to explore Como after hours and learn about what it takes to keep this turn-of-the century treasure growing strong. The amazing pace of progressive improvements our community has applauded—from the beautiful new Ordway Gardens wing, to both the award-winning Gorilla Forest and Polar Bear Odyssey exhibits—have only been possible because of private contributions from people like you.

Your bids tonight for more than 300 silent auction items and gifts toward our fund-a-need donation make a difference at Como every day, providing chicken drummie treats for our large cats, free admission for nearly two million visitors, and family friendly conservation programs that reach more than half a million kids and adults every year.

Bob and I know that the more you know about Como, the more you'll see how fortunate we are to have an educational and cultural treasure like this right here in the heart of the Twin Cities. Your generosity ensures that Como can continue to inspire the next generation of visitors to connect with and conserve the natural world.

Thank you for all you do for Como!

The image shows two handwritten signatures. The first signature on the left is "Lynette" written in a cursive script. To its right is another signature, "Bob", also in a cursive script.

Lynette and Bob Palmgren
Honorary Co-Chairs

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EVENING FESTIVITIES/AGENDA

5:30 p.m.

Registration begins and the Silent Auction opens. You can use your own smartphone or grab one of the handheld bidding devices, BidPal, to bid on Silent Auction items and the Super Silent Auction packages. You can also use your BidPal or smartphone to make a Fund-A-Need donation.

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Chill like a Cool Cat as you listen to music, enjoy cuisine from D'Amico Catering, interact with our animal ambassadors, visit with Como Nature Walk Interpreters and Zoo keepers – and see Como's Large Cats in action.

7:30 p.m.

Saunter to dinner in the Visitor Center.

7:45 p.m.

Dinner is served in the Visitor Center. Your room hosts will welcome you and introduce the Fund-A-Need for this year's event.

8:30 p.m.

The Silent and Super Silent Auction closes. Your BidPal device or smartphone will tell you which items you've won.

8:45 p.m.

Dessert Reception with live music and announcement of Super Silent Auction winners begins on Como Commons near Gorilla Forest.

9:15 p.m.

Auction check out opens. Pay for your items at the station near the Wolf Lot entrance and the Giraffe exhibit.

DINNER MENU

By D'Amico Catering

BUTLER PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES

Smoked Salmon Pizza with Tomato,
Capers, Red Onion and Dill Cream Cheese

Yellow Tomato Shooter

Grilled Chevre and Peach Jam Panini

Miniature Beef Wellington with Horseradish Sauce

SALAD COURSE

Watermelon Salad, Tomato, Cotija and Fresno Vinaigrette

ENTRÉE

Duet of Sautéed Free Range Chicken Breast with Gremolata Sauce
and Pan Seared Barramundi with Basil Pesto served with Potato Galette
and Green Beans with Oyster Mushrooms

VEGETARIAN ENTRÉE

Rice and Cheese Croquette with Aromatic Tomato Jus and Roasted Vegetables

DESSERT

Please note: Dessert will be served on Como Commons following dinner.

Dessert Buffet of Peach and Brown Butter Square,
Salted Caramel Chocolate Cup, Lemon Curd Tartlet,
Chocolate Dipped Strawberries, and Chocolate Truffle Torte Triangles



D'AMICO
CATERING

The wine served with dinner is compliments
of Margie and Steve Krause.

We can't say
“thank you” enough.

Okay, one more time.
Thank you.

Hard work should never go unnoticed.
We salute Como Park Zoo and
Conservatory for their tireless efforts
in making our community a great
place to live.



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WAYS TO SUPPORT COMO FUND-A-NEED

Your contribution to the Fund-A-Need at Travelers Sunset Affair will ensure that Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, a Twin Cities treasure, stays true to its roots and remains free to visitors every day of the year.

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If you would like to make a donation to Fund-A-Need, you can mail it prior to Travelers Sunset Affair to Como Friends, 1225 Estabrook Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55103 or make a contribution the evening of the event. During a short program at dinner, your Travelers Sunset Affair room host will tell you more about how your support will benefit Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

Our goal is to inspire every guest at Travelers Sunset Affair to help make a difference at Como.

AUCTION OVERVIEW

Travelers Sunset Affair will feature two Super Silent Auction packages and a vast catalog of fantastic silent auction items.

NEW THIS YEAR: TWO METHODS TO BID

We are very excited about unveiling another way to bid on our auction items this year. For your convenience, **you can now bid on all our cool auction items on your own smartphone** – or if you prefer, you can use a BidPal electronic device.

BidPal mobile bidding works well on most Windows smartphones, newer Blackberry devices, and all iPhones and most Android smartphones.

You don't need to download an app. The day of Travelers Sunset Affair, just connect to the internet and type this friendly URL into your smartphone browser: <http://bidpal.net/COMO> .

Please be sure that your battery is fully charged so you don't miss out. If you don't have a smartphone, we will have a limited number of handheld electronic bidding devices available for your use.

Bidding on both the **Super Silent and Silent Auction** items begins at 5:30 p.m. and concludes at **8:30 p.m.**

Auction check-out will begin at **9:15 p.m.** at the station near the Wolf Lot entrance and the Giraffe exhibit. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover will be accepted.

**Thank you for supporting
Como Park Zoo and Conservatory**

HOW TO BID AND AUCTION RULES (THE FUN STUFF!)

- All bids must be placed through your BidPal device or smartphone.
- Opening minimum bids are listed for each item & bids must be raised in the dollar increments listed for each item.
- A bidder may purchase eligible items outright for the BUY IT NOW price listed on your BidPal or phone; the item purchased will be marked as SOLD and bids will no longer be accepted for that item; BUY IT NOW still requires the bidder to go through check-out procedures.
- When the auction ends, your BidPal device or smartphone will list which items you've won and for what amount.
- **Remember, a bid is a legal contract to buy.**
- No items are to be removed prior to full settlement.
- Inspect all items and read all descriptions and limitations before purchasing.
- All items are sold as is.
- Every effort has been made to provide accurate information for each item. Como Friends and its volunteers are not responsible for descriptions, values, or authenticity of information supplied by donors.
- There are no refunds or exchanges unless noted.
- Auction items may be substituted, withdrawn or added prior to the event. Restrictions may apply.
- A portion of your purchase may be tax-deductible, but please consult your tax advisor before automatically deducting your purchase.
- You must be 21 years of age or older to bid on packages containing alcoholic beverages.
- You must be 18 years of age or older to bid on the Minnesota State Lottery tickets.

AUCTION ITEMS

PREMIUM

10 Conserve Energy on "Recycled" Rocking Chair

Value: \$399

Donor: By The Yard Inc.

Your front porch won't be complete without this Days End Rocking Chair with wide arms and a high back for maximum comfort. Minneapolis-based By the Yard Inc. is the premier manufacturer of maintenance-free outdoor patio furniture and accessories from recycled plastic milk jugs.

11 An Evening of Fleetwood Mac

Value: \$895

Donor: Stinson Leonard Street

The "Rumours" are true! After a 16-year absence, Christine McVie will be re-joining Fleetwood Mac band mates Mick Fleetwood, John McVie, Lindsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks as they launch the On With The Show Tour, kicking off on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Target Center. Enjoy two tickets, right by the stage in Section 129, to this historic reunion tour.

12 Timberwolves Suite

Value: \$3,750

Donor: Minnesota Timberwolves

With 22 tickets, you can bring a whole youth league team to enjoy a Private Suite for a Timberwolves game at Target Center during the 2014-2015 season. Game date subject to availability: not valid for elite or marquee games, food, beverage or parking.

13 Go Pro Camera Kit

Value: \$463

Donor: Anne & Litton Field

Create professional quality video of your next travel adventure with the GoPro HERO3+: Black Edition—the smallest and lightest GoPro yet. Capture stunning wide angle shots with a new SuperView mode, and make the most of available light with a new Auto Low Light function that intelligently adjusts the frame rate to grab great shots. Now 20% smaller and lighter than its best-selling predecessors, the GoPro HERO3+ delivers a 30% longer battery life, 4x faster Wi-Fi, a sharper lens and compatibility with all GoPro mounts and accessories. Also included in your kit: a GoPro Head Strap Mount, SanDisk Ultra 64GB MircoSDXC memory card, Wasabi Power Battery (2-Pack) and New Charger for GoPro HD HERO3+, HERO3 and GoPro AHDBT-201, AHDBT-301, AHDBT-302.

14 24 Hours of Fun

Value: Priceless

Donor: Tesla

Tesla welcomes you to an exclusive electric experience. Spend 24 hours with the award winning Model S and get a thrilling driving experience. Impress your friends and neighbors as you cruise around in this cool car. The Model S has been designed from the ground up as an electric vehicle and sets the new standard for premium performance. Drivers must be a legal resident of the United States, 25 years or older and must have a valid US drivers license.

15 A Tour of France & French Wines

Value: \$700

Donor: Nicolas Giraud

Uncork the secrets of pairing great food with fine wine. Nicolas Giraud, the wine director and maître d'hotel at St. Paul's beloved Meritage will share his views and a range of vintages in this in-home wine-tasting for up to 10 people.

16 Calling All "Cool Cat" Musicians

Value: \$650

Donor: Mike Lais, Sherry Fonseth-Lais

Are you a songwriter or lyricist and want to hear your song professionally recorded? Or maybe you have a great melody line that you would like to hear embellished. Tune Up My Tune will help you record, mix and master a full demo production of your work with five instruments and a singer to provide lead and background vocals. Become a hero of the pop charts and retain 100 percent of the rights to your music with this unique recording opportunity.

17 See the Swarm from an Xcel Energy Suite

Value: \$660

Donor: Xcel Energy

The fastest game on two feet is also one of the fastest-growing sports in the country. See professional lacrosse up close from an Xcel Energy Suite when the Minnesota Swarm season starts up in 2015. Your comfortable private suite includes 18 complimentary tickets, two parking passes, and can be catered for an additional charge. (Game date to be determined after the Swarm's 2015 schedule is released this fall; tickets will be sent January 2015).

PREMIUM (CONTINUED)

18 "Cool Cat" Cougar Painting

Value: \$850

Donor: Robert Blehert, Carter Ave. Frame Shop

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Robert Blehert discovered pencils and began creating magic on paper at the age of three. The nationally-regarded Seattle-based artist created this colorful portrait of a Como cougar exclusively for the guests of Travelers Sunset Affair: Cool Cats. Frame it up with a \$50 gift certificate from Carter Ave. Frame Shop.

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19 Your Pick of the Ordway's Season

Value: \$399

Donor: The Travelers Companies, The Saint Paul Hotel

"Camelot," "The Pirates of Penzance," and "Evita" are just the start of the amazing theater season underway at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. Pick your favorite with two complimentary tickets to any one 2014-2015 Ordway season performance. (Subject to availability, valid for Ordway performance only.) When the curtain closes, check in to The Saint Paul Hotel for deluxe overnight accommodations for two. (Reservations required and based on availability; some dates restricted.)

20 Twins Suite

Value: \$2,400

Donor: Minnesota Twins

Take in a Minnesota Twins home game in high style. The "Private Suite" Package includes the use of a private suite for a regular season home game along with 12 game tickets. No food and beverages are included. This certificate is not valid for Premium/Elite games (i.e. home opener, Milwaukee Brewers, Boston Red Sox, NY Yankees games, etc.) Not valid for post-season play. Must contact to make arrangements before July 31, 2014.

21 Roar with Katy Perry

Value: \$923

Donor: Stinson Leonard Street, Hotel Ivy

You're gonna hear her "ROAR" when Katy Perry takes the stage at Target Center, August 22 at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy two tickets, in Section 129, to Perry's Prismatic World Tour. Round out your evening with a stay at the Hotel Ivy, a luxury hotel in downtown Minneapolis. One night stay in a superior standard room for a weekend stay.

22 Two Nights at the Renaissance Blackstone Chicago Hotel

Value: \$850

Donor: Sage Hospitality, Friend of Como

Planning a get-away to the Windy City? Stay at the historic Renaissance Blackstone Chicago Hotel, a Michigan Avenue landmark located in the heart of Grant Park, with this certificate for a two-night stay. A signature Chicago destination since 1910, the Blackstone is within minutes of all of Chicago's greatest hits, including the Institute of Art, Navy Pier, Millennium Park, Shedd Aquarium and the Field Museum. Also included is a \$250 pre-loaded credit card you can use toward airfare or shopping on Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile.

PREMIUM (CONTINUED)

23 Zebra Women's Golf Bag

Value: \$219

Donor: Birdie Babe Golf

Sport a few stripes from Como Zoo when you hit the links with the Birdie Babe Zebra Womens Golf Hybrid Cart Bag. This new hybrid design combines the best features of a cart bag and a stand bag into one awesome bag that won't fall over when you set it down. Features include a removable cart strap, a valuables pocket, tee holder, and a large insulated cooler pocket with room for two 20-ounce drinks or several cans.

24 Oil Painting of a Como Big Cat

Value: \$550

Donor: Lintu Art

Artist Sarah Thornton from Lintu Art will be at the Big Cats with her easel during Travelers Sunset Affair to create a real-time portrait of one of the big cats. Frame up the finished version four weeks from now if you're tonight's winning bidder.

25 Skol Vikings

Value: Priceless

Donor: Minnesota Vikings

See the Norsemen take on the Detroit Lions October 12th for a noon game at TCF Bank Stadium at the University of Minnesota. Huddle up with your family on a fall Sunday with four tickets to the outdoor game with a VIP perk (to be determined) that may include sideline passes or signed memorabilia.

26 Como Park Pool Party

Value: \$2,000

Donor: City of Saint Paul Parks Department

With a zip line, basketball hoops, and 400-foot lazy river, the Como Regional Park Pool is packed with kids on hot summer days, but you and up to 150 "Cool Cats" can have it all to yourselves with this Private Pool Party opportunity. Enjoy an exclusive 3-hour rental on August 10 or August 24, 2014 (must reserve by August 1.) Food and beverage is not included, but is available for additional cost.

ONLY COMO

100 Big Cat Tour

Value: \$769

Donor: Lynette Palmgren

Did you know that Como Zoo was the first zoo in North America—and possibly the world—to successfully hand-raise Siberian tigers? That's just one of the fascinating facts about Como's big cats you and five friends can learn on this fascinating behind-the-scenes look at lions, tigers, and other big cats and what it takes to keep them healthy. Must be 10 years or older to join the tour, which expires April 1, 2015. A large tiger plush will go home with you as a keepsake of your tour.

101 Rise and Shine with the Gorillas

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

If breakfast is busy in your kitchen, just imagine what it's like in Gorilla Forest, where Como Zoo's professional zookeepers get seven western lowland gorillas ready to face the day. You'll get to see what goes into the care and feeding of these great apes as you and your guests (up to 8 in total) enjoy breakfast in the outdoor shelter, and see how zookeepers use operant conditioning training to encourage these not-always-gentle giants to participate in their own health care, stay curious, and explore their new surroundings in the largest meshed primate exhibit ever built.

102 Two Zebra Vases

Value: \$100

Donor: Blasted Art

Fresh flowers arranged in these zebra stripe vases capture both sides of Como's natural beauty. Take them home tonight as a keepsake of Como's flora and fauna. Created by local artist and Como donor plaza sand-blaster Kerry Dikken.

103 Dinner in the Sunken Garden

Value: \$2,017

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, D'Amico Catering

Be the host of an unforgettable dinner for eight in the Sunken Garden, Como's most iconic room. A favorite setting for generations of weddings, this is a rare opportunity to wine and dine your favorite people in Como's most recognizable room. This two-hour rental is available after public hours Monday through Thursday only. Catering up to \$750 provided.

ONLY COMO (CONTINUED)

104 Print of Japanese Garden

Value: \$150

Donor: Peter Leach

St. Paul artist Peter Leach was granted year-round access to the Charlotte Partridge Ordway Japanese Garden long before The Ordway Gardens wing gave the public glimpses of this beloved exterior garden through the seasons. This custom-framed photo juxtaposes Minnesota pine with Japanese water lilies.

105 See a Sparky Training Session

Value: \$528

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

How does Como Zoo's superstar sea lion stay in shape for so many summer encores? See for yourself during a rare opportunity for four guests to see how Como's skilled aquatics keepers work with super smart Sparky to stay fit and fabulous for her many fans. We'll send you home with a large harbor seal plush as a keepsake of this unforgettable celebrity encounter.

106 Big Cat Basket

Value: \$120

Donor: Lynette Palmgren

Dig your claws into this Big Cat basket, and you'll be seeing spots and stripes everywhere. This package includes a tiger stripes puzzle, Wild Cats Book, stretching tiger journal, and tiger note pad. Create some big cat confections with a silicone chocolate tiger mold, silicone tiger paw print, and set a wild table with leopard napkins, tiger mug, tiger cup and coaster.

107 Sponsor Orangutan Enrichment for the Day

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Like teenagers at the mall, Como Zoo's four gifted and talented orangutans can't resist trying on new t-shirts, and draping themselves with interesting fabrics and textures. Help sponsor one of our orangutan enrichment sessions for a day, and you can provide these popular red-heads with custom t-shirts featuring your company logo, favorite saying, or birthday wish for someone special. Be sure to bring your camera to snap this rare, only-at-Como branding opportunity.

108 12 Months of Como Calendar

Value: Priceless

Donor: Karen Hawkinson

The Chinese say it's the year of the sheep, but Como's cats can make 2015 the year of the "Cool Cat" with this one-of-a-kind calendar created especially for the guests of Travelers Sunset Affair by one of Como's volunteers.

109 Party in The Ordway Gardens

Value: \$1,650

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, D'Amico Catering

Visitors can't get enough of The Ordway Gardens, the gorgeous new Japanese horticultural wing to the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory that combines our beautiful Bonsai collection with the newly refurbished Charlotte Partridge Ordway Japanese Garden. If you're tonight's winning bidder you can have this zen-like corner of Como all to yourself for dinner or a cocktail party. This two-hour rental is available after public hours Monday through Thursday only. Catering up to \$1,250 provided.



ONLY COMO (CONTINUED)

110 Big Cat Family Class Breakfast

Value: \$281

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, K & M International Inc.

Have you ever made breakfast for a tiger? Find out what big eaters Como Zoo's "coolest cats" really are as you prepare their breakfast enrichment, observe adaptations and behaviors, and discuss worldwide conservation efforts on behalf of all large cats. This class for up to 15 people is sure to be a roarin' good time for the whole family. We'll send you home with a large tiger plush and large lion plush as souvenirs of this unforgettable experience for your own pride.

111 Art Work from Ginger the Harbor Seal

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

You'll flip for this painting, flipper-painted by Como Zoo's Ginger the Harbor Seal. Like many of Como's pinnipeds, Ginger is a rescue animal unreleasable in the wild. Contributions from people like you ensure Como Zoo can continue to provide safe harbor to other injured marine mammals in the future.

112 Zoo keeper for a Day

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Working with the nearly 1,000 animals in Como Zoo's care is a high calling for our professional keepers, who will invite tonight's winning bidder to see what it's really like to be a zoo keeper for a day. Perfect for a kid (must be 12 or older) considering a career in animal biology or veterinary work, or a grown-up who's always wanted to feed a giraffe, this only-at-Como experience will allow you to tag along as zoo keepers share secrets about how they feed the penguins, walk a reindeer, and make Buzz and Neil's favorite frozen treats. It's the most fun you'll ever have shoveling poop—commemorative t-shirt included!

113 Bring Como to Your Garden

Value: \$75

Donor: Nancy Robbins

Bring a little bit of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory's gorgeous water garden to your own yard with this only-at-Como stepping stone, created from an impression of one of Como's Victoria Water Platter lilies.

114 School Classroom Visit

Value: \$150

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Como's great education staff often go on the road to visit area schools and libraries, and with this convenient package, we'll come to a classroom or Scout group of your choosing. This unique Como "house call" includes a visit from one of our traveling animal ambassadors such as "Turkey" the parrot or the fabulous hissing cockroaches!

115 Polar Bear Palooza

Value: \$120

Donor: Lynette Palmgren, Sherry Fonseth-Lais

This basket is a polar bear palooza for the passionate polar bear lover, including a plush polar bear, two polar bear books, polar bear puzzle, polar bear notepad, and polar bear children's books. Don't forget to protect your big paws with a pair of polar bear oven mitts, also included.

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116 Private Bonsai Lesson

Value: \$250

Donor: Michael L. Porcaro

Como has one of the top 10 public collections of Bonsai in North America, with more than 100 trees on year-round display in The Ordway Gardens. Minnesota Bonsai Society leader and long-time Como volunteer Mike Porcaro will take you on a behind-the-scenes tour of this beautiful collection, exploring the aesthetic traditions and horticultural care that he uses to train these elegant potted trees. As a bonus, you'll also receive a Bonsai tree to take home!

117 Private behind-the-scenes tour for 10 to feed the giraffes

Value: Priceless

Donor: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

At nearly 10 feet tall, Rosie the reticulated giraffe is Como Zoo's newest and most beguiling zoo baby. Her dad Skeeter is the rare extrovert of his species, happy to eat romaine lettuce right out of your hand. Go behind-the-scenes to see father, daughter and the whole family herd in Como Zoo's African Hoofstock building. Be sure to bring your cameras for this private tour for ten. Included is a large plush giraffe.

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200 Double Dog Dare: Rappel 40 Floors

Value: \$1,000

Donor: Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America

Do you have the guts to rappel from a skyscraper? It's an off-the-wall challenge, but if you're tonight's lucky winner, you'll spend Friday, September 12th rappelling 40 floors from the top of 321-foot U.S. Bank Plaza in Downtown Minneapolis! Must be 16 years or older; weigh 110 - 300 lbs.

201 Saint Paul Police Department

Value: \$100

Donor: Saint Paul Police Department

Ride along with St. Paul's Finest, for a four-hour glimpse of real-life police work. Winner must be at least 18 years old with a spotless criminal record (required background check prior to ride-along). Includes a St. Paul Police dog plush.

202 Four Hours of Fishing on the Pink Boat for Hope

Value: \$375

Donor: Pink Boats For Hope

Fishing and fundraising for cancer prevention and awareness is the twin-tracked mission of Pink Boats for Hope. Take a 4-hour fishing trip to the destination of your choice within the Twin Cities, for two adults and one child. Fishing supplies and equipment will be provided.

203 Kid's Adventure Package

Value: \$478

Donor: Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau, Wooddale Fun Zone, Mini-Hops Gymnastics, Vertical Endeavors Indoor Rock Climbing Facility, Three Rivers Park District, Valleyfair, Lions Tap Family Restaurant

Raise some serious rippers with this package perfect for kids with energy to burn. Hit the slopes with two one-day lift tickets for Three Rivers Park District, climb the walls with two daily passes & rentals at Vertical Endeavors, and flip for Mini-Hops Gymnastics, with a gift certificate good for any class camp, special event and birthday party. Ready for more? Enjoy two tickets to Valleyfair for this season. Enjoy two "Big Ticket" 3-day attraction passes for 30% off admission to the Water Park of America, The Science Museum of Minnesota, Sea Life Minnesota Aquarium, Nickelodeon Universe, the Minnesota Zoo or the Great Clips IMAX Theater. Ready to refuel? Grab a seat at the Lions Tap Family Restaurant with a \$10 gift certificate.

UNIQUE ADVENTURES (CONTINUED)

204 Studio C Performance

Value: \$1,000

Donor: John Bennett, Cities 97

Become a part of radio recording history with one pair of passes to the Cities 97 Studio C session of your choice, subject to availability and artist discretion. Go home with great swag, including CDs from Buddy Guy Rhythm & Blues, The Jayhawks and Serena Ryder, two XL grey Cities 97 shirts, 2011 Basilica Block Party XL t-shirt, and a Cities 97 XL baseball t-shirt.

205 Bison Buggy Experience

Value: \$500

Donor: Belwin Conservancy

Enjoy an unforgettable prairie ride on the Bison Buggy for eight. The Buggy is a perfect adventure with friends or a fun birthday party. The Belwin Conservancy is working to protect the St. Croix Valley through land conservation, scientifically-based ecological restoration and by building connections between people and the natural world. Explore the woodlands, wetlands, and tallgrass prairie of Afton's 1,364 acre nonprofit preserve with a one-year supporting membership.

206 Dogsledding

Value: \$500

Donor: Wintergreen Dogsledding

Get mushing behind a team of feisty, fury Inuit dogs during this one-day dog-sledding trip for two people. Wintergreen dogsled day trips are "hands-on" experiences on which you'll be sharing driving duties on your own two-person dogsled powered by a team of friendly Canadian canines. Wintergreen guides will accompany you on skis to help out as needed, point out signs of wildlife and sights of scenic interest and share northwoods lore. No experience needed; life-time bragging rights! Can only book trips on Sundays.

207 Mississippi River Day Trip

Value: \$180

Donor: Wilderness Inquiry

Looking for adventure in the heart of the Twin Cities? Explore the Mighty Mississippi River up close and personal on a half-day guided canoe trip, provided by our friends at Wilderness Inquiry. Paddling the Mississippi in a beautiful 24-foot cedar strip canoe, while you discover wildlife and experience the amazing human history of the River. These trips fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Good for four paddlers.

208 Magnificent Megawatt Tour

Value: Priceless

Donor: Xcel Energy

Come see what makes St. Paul glow with a private, behind-the-scenes tour for you and fourteen friends at Xcel Energy's combined cycle High Bridge Powerplant along Saint Paul's historic Riverfront. After going online in 2008, this 530 megawatt facility was ranked #2 in the world.

209 Minnesota Boat Club

Value: \$500

Donor: Minnesota Boat Club

Did you like the look of those Olympic Rowers in London? Then take your own team of 12 adults for two-hours of great exercise on a Mississippi River rowing barge designed to teach newbies the basics. Your instructors are coaches at the historic Minnesota Boat Club on Raspberry Island, Minnesota's oldest athletic organization.

210 Andersen Window Tour

Value: Priceless

Donor: Andersen Corporation

Andersen Windows gives visitors an unusually close look at its manufacturing operation. After an introduction to their company history and culture, the tour brings you right to the start of the manufacturing process. Sites include the lumberyard, cutting, milling, and the assembly line where Andersen workers put together the product. Includes a fantastic gift basket and a reproduction Frank Lloyd Wright window.

211 Barge Tour of the Mississippi

Value: \$1,000

Donor: Upper River Services, Inc.

See the Mississippi River valley from a unique vantage point—the deck of a barge. Upper River Services will be your guides for this rare opportunity for two guests to see the inner workings of upper navigation. URS operates six towing vessels as well as two shipyards providing barge towing, fleeting, cleaning, and repair services. Their primary areas of navigation include the Mississippi River between Red Wing and Minneapolis, MN and the Minnesota River up to Savage, MN.

ARTS & CULTURE

300 St. Paul Skyline

Value: \$350

Donor: Radford Pictures

In a split-second the St. Paul skies light up with the 'perfect storm' for photography, revealing the intricate shapes and patterns of its skyline and grassy knolls of historic Indian Mounds Park scenic overlook. It's a 24x18" framed and matted original print.

301 A Night of Comedy for Your Crowd

Value: \$150

Donor: Acme Comedy Co.

Check out some of the nation's best touring comedians at Acme Comedy Co., the Twin Cities premiere standup comedy club. This pass entitles your party of ten to a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday night performance in this intimate club in the historic Itasca Building in Minneapolis's Warehouse District. Reservations are required, and special events, food and beverages are not included. Expires January 17, 2015.

302 American Kestral

Value: \$45

Donor: Nandidi Avery

Pacific Northwestern artist Elizabeth See uses bright colors, a love of nature, and a practiced hand to capture the American kestrel, the only kestrel found in the Americas.

303 A Christmas Story

Value: \$361

Donor: Brad Wood and Colleen McGough-Wood

Is there anything that captures the spirit of Christmas quite like an official Red Ryder® Carbine-Action 200-shot Range Model Air Rifle? Join Ralphie Parker and his hapless parents at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts this season for this holiday classic set in the late 1930s and based on the stories of Jean Shepherd. Enjoy two tickets to this performance of A Christmas story on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

304 King of the Jungle

Value: \$185

Donor: Catherine Lay

Let the coolest cat in the jungle keep watch over a child's room in this colorful limited edition framed giclee print. St. Paul artist and muralist Catherine Lay took her inspiration from Henri Rousseau's imagined tropical forests for this print from a four-part series of African animals.

305 Chanhassen Dinner Theater

Value: \$175

Donor: Chanhassen Dinner Theater

From some of the nation's best musical theater to a concert series the Chanhassen Dinner Theater always has something great on the menu. Check it out with these two complimentary dinner and show tickets, good for Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings only. Offer does not include final week production run, the month of December or holidays including New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day.

306 Minnesota Get Together

Value: \$60

Donor: Minnesota State Fair Foundation

Get started on a great day at Minnesota's biggest get together running from August 21 through Labor Day. This Minnesota State Fair Family Fun Pack includes four gate admission tickets, a sheet of Midway/Kidway tickets, and a State Fair Coupon book and State Fair history book. Winner must redeem certificate before State Fair starts on August 21.



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ARTS & CULTURE (CONTINUED)

307 Hansel & Gretel

Value: \$200

Donor: Minnesota Opera

Based on the Brothers Grimm classic, this beloved fairy tale whips together frothy folk tunes with sumptuous orchestration into a deceptively sweet, deliciously dark confection that has delighted families for generations. Enjoy two tickets to any performance of the Minnesota Opera's new production of Engelbert Humperdinck's enduring masterpiece. Showtimes are Nov. 1, 6, 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 2 at 2:00 p.m.

308 Animal Lovers Book Box

Value: \$116

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

Spend your summer between the pages with these seven books exploring the wonders of wild and domestic animals. Your reading list includes *Beastly Behaviors: A Zoo Lover's Companion* by Janine Benyus, an invaluable primer about animal behavior; *Unlikely Loves* by Jennifer Holland, a collection of inter-species friendships; *Reflections of Eden*, a memoir by orangutan expert Birute Galdikas and Dian Fossey's fascinating *Gorillas in the Mist*. Canid lovers will find compelling reading in *The Return of the Wolf* by Steve Grooms which traces one of nature's most inspiring come-backs. A comprehensive breed guide titled *Dog Facts* by Joan Palmer, and Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, the best-selling novel narrated by a dog named Enzo.

309 Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus

Value: \$198

Donor: Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus

Critics call it choral singing "worth coming out for!" Enjoy season tickets for two to the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus, now in its 33rd season. The Ted Mann Concert Hall hosts all three performances including the Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2014, the Spring Concert on March 27, 2015, and the Pride concert on June 19, 2015. All concerts start at 8 p.m.; dates may be subject to change.

310 Bronze Leopard Figurine

Value: \$150

Donor: William Paddock

Pounce on this sleek leopard before you become its prey! This bronze figurine captures the lithe form of the leopard, creating captivating décor for your office or home. Inspired by famous sculptor John Macallan Swan. Set on a marble base.

311 Tiny Acorn Portraits

Value: \$100

Donor: Tiny Acorn Portraits, Calhoun Beach Framing

Specializing in newborns, children, seniors, families and even pets, Tiny Acorn Portraits is a Minneapolis studio dedicated to making each session completely personalized. Capture a great moment with this \$75 gift certificate toward a studio shoot, then frame it up with a \$25 gift certificate from Calhoun Beach Framing.

312 "Nesting Materials"

Value: \$20

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

Found objects form the inspiration for this mixed media collage on wood panels called "Nesting Materials."

313 Bloomington Theater and Art Center

Value: \$70

Donor: Bloomington Theater and Art Center

"Death of a Salesman," "Guys and Dolls," and "Next to Normal" are a few of the Bloomington Civic Theater shows you can pick from with this certificate for two tickets to a performance. Not valid for special events.

314 Round Barn in Winter

Value: \$100

Donor: Riese's Pieces Photography

George Washington is credited as the first farmer to build a round barn in America, an architectural style that reached its peak in the early 1900s. Judith Riese captures this rustic red barn against a winter landscape in this framed 11 x 15 photograph.

315 Eagle Statue

Value: \$98

Donor: BPA Sales

The perfect desk accessory for a serious bird-watcher, this stately spread eagle statuette opens up to reveal a resting place for small curios, including this matching eagle pin.

316 A Pride of Lion Statues

Value: \$110

Donor: William Paddock

Show the pride you feel for keeping Como Zoo free and fabulous by bringing these two cast iron lions home to your den.

ARTS & CULTURE (CONTINUED)

317 MacPhail Center for Music

Value: \$100

Donor: MacPhail Center for Music

Give your kids or grandkids a great start in musical education at MacPhail Center for Music, where teachers strike just the right chord between creating fun, playful learning and teaching solid musical concepts. This \$100 gift certificate can be used toward instruction at any MacPhail Center for Music locations, and may be applied toward Early Childhood Music, Suzuki Talent Education, Individual or Group Lessons, Classes, Ensembles, Summer Camps or Music Therapy.

318 "Courage"

Value: \$120

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

"Courage is not always a loud roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice saying, 'I will try again!'" This mixed media collage art incorporates text, paper, fabric and string to create an inspiring and encouraging message, perfect for hanging in your home or office.

319 Two Tickets for The Book of Mormon

Value: \$170

Donor: The Travelers Companies, Inc.

The New York Times calls it "the best musical of this century." It's The Book of Mormon, the nine time Tony® Award-winning Best Musical from the creators of "South Park." Enjoy two main floor tickets (row y, seats 3 and 4) to the Saturday, September 6 performance at the Orpheum Theatre at 8 p.m. Warning: Performance Contains Explicit Language.

320 Lion Doorstop

Value: \$50

Donor: William Paddock

Let the king of the jungle hold the door for you "Cool Cats." This delightful turn-of-the-century lion doorstop is forged from cast iron for real stability and look.

321 Como Wolf Photograph

Value: \$100

Donor: Erin and Troy Photography

Como Zoo's neighbors love the call of the wild they hear from our two wolves every night. Bring their howl to your own home with this framed fine art photograph of Como Zoo gray wolf. (This 8x12 digital carbon print has been matted and framed to 15x18 ¾.)

322 Twin Cities Theater Lover Package

Value: \$206

Donor: Pillsbury House Theater, Mixed Blood Theater, Old Log Theater, The Jungle Theater

Second only to New York City for per capita theater offerings, Minneapolis and St. Paul's diverse theater scene gets rave reviews. Sample from the upcoming theater seasons with this theater-loving package including two tickets to the Mixed Blood Theater and the Old Log Theater, two tickets to Late Nite Series or Naked Stages at Pillsbury House Theater, and two tickets to any 2014 performance at The Jungle Theater (Saturdays excluded; expires on 12/31/2014).

323 Zebra Vase

Value: \$150

Donor: Blasted Art

The zebra's stripes draw the eye in new directions in this stunning vase created by artist Kerry Dikken. Known for his public art throughout the Twin Cities, he also sandblasts the Donor Bricks at Como!

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ARTS & CULTURE (CONTINUED)

324 Trio of Wooden Lions

Value: \$33

Donor: William Paddock

Start a menagerie in miniature with these hard-carved wooden lions from Kenya. A symbol of power, courage and nobility, this trio from the family Felidae deserve a place of honor.

325 Rod Stewart and Carlos Santana

Value: \$183

Donor: The Travelers Companies, Inc.

Hear the voice and guitar licks of legendary rock 'n roll Hall of Famers Rod Stewart and Carlos Santana when they roll into the Xcel Energy Center in August, on their 18-city tour. Enjoy two tickets (section C22, Row 2, seats 11 and 12) to their Sunday, Aug. 10 performance at 7:30 p.m.

326 Swedish Homestead Barn

Value: \$100

Donor: Riese's Pieces Photography

Bring a touch of Scandinavia into your home décor with this 11x15 framed photo of Swedish Homestead Barn.

327 Joke Joint Comedy Club

Value: \$240

Donor: Joke Joint Comedy Club

Enjoy a giggly girls night out for sixteen with eight "admit 2" tickets to St. Paul's Joke Joint Comedy Club (not valid for special events).

328 Country Steeped Collection

Value: \$115

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

Expand your Nashville knowledge with this country-steeped collection of autographed CDs and photos from the top names in twang. In the collection is a Tim McGraw autographed CD, a Casey James autographed CD and photo, "The Mavericks: In Time" CD and signed photo, and autographed photos from Kip Moore and Jon Pardi. For you vintage vinyl lovers, a little "Alabama" for your record player.

329 Giraffe Statue

Value: \$100

Donor: William Paddock

This stone giraffe statue captures the elegance and grace of Como Zoo's gentle herd of reticulated giraffes.

330 We Fest

Value: \$278

Donor: Faces, Inc.

Brad Paisley, Jason Aldean and Zac Brown Band are this year's headline acts at WE FEST, one of the nation's top country music festivals. Enjoy three days of great music with these two 3-day passes in the general admission area coming up August 7-9, 2014 in Detroit Lakes.

331 Shoreline at Mille Lacs

Value: \$100

Donor: Riese's Pieces Photography

The walleye capital of the world, Lake Mille Lacs is recognizable to nearly every Minnesota sportsman. See it from the shoreline in this framed 11x15 photo by Judith Riese.

332 Learn Improv

Value: \$195

Donor: Stevie Ray's Comedy Cabaret

Learn the secrets of being funny on your feet with this two-month course at Stevie Ray's School of Improv. Valid for new students only.

333 Flamingo Oil Painting

Value: \$250

Donor: Diana Berchem

Think pink to find the perfect place for this original 11 x 14 oil painting of one of Como Zoo's flamingos. Often mating for life, flamingos are a symbol of happiness and marital bliss.

334 Classics By David

Value: \$500

Donor: Classics By David

From baby portraits to the moments before a couples says "I do," award winning photographer David Hyttsten knows how to capture a classic. This certificate includes a pre-portrait design consultation and a customized portrait session. Sessions range from \$250 and up depending on location and travel; the balance can be applied toward portraits.

335 Snow Shadows

Value: \$100

Donor: Riese's Pieces Photography

Photographer Judith Riese captures the contrasts and colors of winter in this framed 11 x15 photograph.

ARTS & CULTURE (CONTINUED)

336 Nice Work If You Can Get It

Value: \$378

Donor: Brad Wood and Colleen McGough-Wood

Set in the Prohibition era, "Nice Work If You Can Get It" tells the singing and swinging tale of a wealthy scoundrel who falls for a bootlegger. This gin-fizzy new musical—which starred Matthew Broderick on Broadway—features songs by George and Ira Gershwin, including the title number, "I've Got a Crush on You" and "Someone to Watch Over Me." Enjoy two tickets to the Ordway Center performance Friday, October 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

337 Photo Greeting Cards

Value: \$45

Donor: Riese's Pieces Photography

Send something special with this 15 photo greeting cards, created by photographer Judith Riese.



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338 Guthrie Theatre

Value: \$190

Donor: Guthrie Theatre, Sea Change Restaurant & Bar

"My Fair Lady," "The Heidi Chronicles," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" top your list of choices for this ticket voucher for two to one of the first 12 performances of the Guthrie 2014-2015 mainstage season productions. (Sorry, offer excludes opening nights, any performance of "A Christmas Carol," Dowling Studio productions, special events and concerts.) You will be assigned the best available seating, excluding area 1A, at the time you place your order. Grab a little something after the show at Sea Change, with two \$25 gift cards also included.

339 Full and Flowers

Value: \$200

Donor: Liz Carlson Arts and Illustration

St. Paul artist Liz Carlson created this fabulous feline portrait of a full-maned lion in a bed of flowers. Acrylic painting on panel.

340 Explore Your Creative Side

Value: \$391

Donor: Cheers Pablo, Minnetonka Center for the Arts, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Weisman Art Museum, The Loft Literary Center, Textile Center

Give the right side of your brain a big treat with this package perfect for creative types. Start with tickets for four to see the "Marks of Genius," an exhibit of 100 extraordinary drawings at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts showing through September 21. Enjoy a \$50 gift certificate for The Loft Literary Center to be used toward a class, conference, membership, Book Club reservation, or Writers Studio rental and a \$50 gift certificate at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. Try out an individual membership to the Textile Center, and a dual membership at the Weisman Art Museum, which includes a newsletter subscription, invitations to special events, and discounts at one of Minnesota's greatest museum gift shops. Then dabble with paints at Cheers Pablo, with a gift certificate good for one adult class.

341 Stevie Ray's Comedy Cabaret

Value: \$112

Donor: Stevie Ray's Comedy Cabaret

Fast-paced, funny, and PG-13, Steve Ray's Comedy Troupe take directions from the audience to create big laughs at Stevie Ray's Comedy Cabaret. Enjoy four tickets, redeemable based on available seating. Not valid Saturdays, special events, or any performance between November 15 - December 31.

ARTS & CULTURE (CONTINUED)

342 Rocket Club Memorabilia

Value: \$75

Donor: Nicky and Tim Nagle

From the North Country to Nashville, Minneapolis-based Rocket Club is making a big name for themselves in country music. Prove you were into them before they went platinum with autographed memorabilia, CDs, t-shirts, and hats signed by the St. Croix crooners.

343 Wine and Canvas

Value: \$70

Donor: Wine and Canvas, Calhoun Beach Framing

"Life is too short for blank walls; unleash your inner Picasso," is the motto at Wine and Canvas, where artists will guide you through creating a painting of your own in just an evening. Grab a friend and get behind an easel at one of Wine and Easel's artsy parties with two gift certificates valid for any public event. Then frame it up with a \$25 gift certificate from Calhoun Beach Framing.

CHILDREN'S

400 Rainy Day Package

Value: \$181

Donor: Perseus Distribution, Play Visions, Inc.

Rainy days don't have to bring little ones down with this fun collection of stay-at-home read-alongs and activity books. Titles include *123 Little Bug by Puck*, *The A to Z Book of Wild Animals* by Peter David Scott, *Jungle World Sticker Book*, *Amazing Animals* by Jozua Douglas & Loes Riphagen, *Gorilla Robotic*, *Rain Forest Activity*, *Totally Bugs*, and *Sands Alive- Lets Go Learn*.

401 Barbie Dreamhouse

Value: \$270

Donor: Mall of America

Featuring the world's most famous fashion icon, this exhibition brings the iconic Barbie® Dreamhouse® to life for Barbie® fans of all ages! Focusing on fun interactivity, the exhibition is a one-of-a-kind experience allowing visitors to become a living doll in the Barbie® Dreamhouse®! Take a tour of her amazing Malibu Dreamhouse™ with 10 tickets at the Barbie Dreamhouse Experience at Mall of America. Also included, a collectible "The Dreamhouse Experience" Barbie®. Not valid for special events.

CHILDREN'S (CONTINUED)

402 Jumbo Tiger

Value: \$55

Donor: K & M International Inc

Share your lair with this super-soft Cuddlekins jumbo plush tiger, declawed and cuddly as can be.

403 Peter Pan

Value: \$160

Donor: Children's Theatre Company

Fly to the second star to the right and straight on 'til morning—but keep an eye out for lost boys, vicious pirates and one ravenous crocodile. Enjoy four tickets to the Children's Theatre Company's first ever production of one of Broadway's most beloved musicals. Peter Pan has more than a sprinkling of Tinker Bell's fairy dust to max its magic, with unforgettable songs including the timeless "I Won't Grow Up." Peter Pan runs from April 15, 2015-June 21, 2015.

404 Be a High Fashion Mom!

Value: \$373

Donor: Friend of Como

Need a baby bag? Turn heads with this leopard print Kate Spade Baby Bag! Let your baby step out in hot animal prints—even if she's not quite crawling. Make a bold conservation statement with this giraffe footed one piece (size 3-6 months) giraffe hat (0-6 months) and Statement onesies (0-3 months).

405 Limited Edition YOXObot Orig Building Set

Value: \$50

Donor: Play From Scratch

Toy stores can't keep YOXObots on the shelves, but you can take home this Limited Edition YOXObot Orig Building set tonight. What is YOXO? YOXO (pronounced "yock-so") is a 3D building set that inspires creativity in kids using durable and sustainable connectors. YOXO links connect to each other and to stuff around your house, including cardboard tubes, boxes and just about anything else. Kids can make one of the designs on the box or invent something completely new!

406 Jumbo Lion

Value: \$55

Donor: K & M International Inc

Be the first "Cool Cat" to pounce on this super-soft Cuddlekins jumbo plush lion.

CHILDREN'S (CONTINUED)

407 Family Four Pack

Value: \$457

Donor: Walker Art Center, Minnesota Children's Museum, Bunker Beach Waterpark, Italian Pie Shoppe, The Raptor Center, Stages Theatre Company, Riverview Theater, Izzy's Ice Cream Cafe, Perseus Distribution, Minnesota Transportation Museum

Your summer is solved with this family-friendly four pack full of tickets to keep the kids busy. All aboard the Osceola & St. Croix Valley railway, with a family excursion on this scenic railway plus, a family pass to the Jackson Street Roundhouse Museum in St. Paul. (Not valid for special events. Expires on 10/26/2014.) Enjoy four free admissions to: the Minnesota Children's Museum, the Walker Art Center, Bunker Beach Waterpark (expires 9/1/2014), the Stages Theatre Company, the Riverview Theater, and the "Raptors of Minnesota" program at the University of Minnesota's Raptor Center (1 p.m. Saturday or Sunday). Dinner and dessert is covered, too, with a \$30 gift card to Italian Pie Shoppe and a certificate for four single or sugar cake cones at Izzy's Ice Cream Cafe. Long car ride? Keep the kids busy with these clever activity books, including *Gorilla Robotic*, *RainForest Activity*, and *Totally Bugs*.

408 Leap Frog Leap Pad Ultra Learning Tablet

Value: \$196

Donor: Tom and Jean McGough

LeapPad Ultra is the award winning kids tablet that is built kid-tough with a huge 7" hi-res screen, Wi-Fi access to kid-safe web, and compatibility with more than 800 educational apps, games, eBooks, videos, music and more. Kid-safe out of the box, LeapPad Ultra includes 11 apps (onboard and downloadable): Photo Fun Ultra, Art Studio Ultra, Pet Pad Party, Utility Suite, Pet Chat and more. Comes equipped with a carrying case and Leap Pad Ultra Gel skin for protection and portability.

409 Cool Cat Kid's Book Collection

Value: \$84

Donor: Perseus Distribution, K & M International Inc

A real page-turner collection for toddlers, this package includes 123 *Little Bug* by Puck, *The A to Z Book of Wild Animals* by Peter David Scott, *Jungle World Sticker Book*, *Amazing Animals* by Jozua Douglas & Loes Riphagen. Snuggle up during reading time with a Sweet & Sassy 12-inch Tiger Mint plush and Sweet & Sassy 12-in Lion plush.

410 Gift Basket

Value: \$150
Donor: Safari Ltd

Curate a comprehensive toy zoo collection of your own with this gift basket overflowing with big cats hand-painted replicas perfect for the budding zoologist.

411 Baby Shower Bonanza

Value: \$117
Donor: Manhattan Toy Co.

Get that new grandchild off to a great start with thoughtful infant and toddler gifts. Babies love the colors, sounds and texture of the Whoozit Travel Activity Center, the Whoozit Large Star, a Parents Rattle Round Giraffe, Parents Fishy Friends Splash and Stack Cups, Dr. Seuss Cat in the Hat Wiggle Ball and the Parents Amazing Alligator Puzzle.

412 Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Basket

Value: \$200
Donor: Nicky and Tim Nagle

Just the thing for the little girl whose favorite color is "sparkle." Accessories include a pink faux fur vest, zebra stripe faux fur jacket, Flipeez cat hat and a Sparkle pink mini bag for carrying the essentials. My First Zoo Duplo set and Crocodile Creek fairy tale and Flower Tower floor puzzles fit into a pink rolling basket, for her on-the-go lifestyle.

413 Frozen Disney on Ice

Value: \$138
Donor: The Travelers Companies, Jackie Sticha

Enter a fantastical winter wonderland beyond all imagination at Disney On Ice presents Frozen. "Let It Go" with two tickets to the Sunday, April 12, 2015 performance at 3:00 p.m. at Minneapolis's Target Center. Also included, "Anna" and "Elsa" dolls, Elsa Musical Wand and a Blu Ray DVD of the Disney hit "Frozen."

414 Curious George Collection

Value: \$65
Donor: Flo Dougherty

Monkey around with Curious George and this collection of stories and cuddly characters. Titles include *Curious George Visits the Zoo*, *Curious George Dinosaur Discovery*, *Curious George and the Puppies*, *A Treasury of Curious George* (Book that includes 8 stories), and two Curious George DVDs. Matching plush characters Kangaroo, Puppy, Dinosaur and Curious George himself help bring the stories to life.

CHILDREN'S (CONTINUED)

415 Birthday Party Package

Value: \$250

Donor: Atlantis Swim Academy

At Burnsville's Atlantis Swim Academy, the water is warm and the instructors are cool! Dive in with this Birthday Party Package good for two hours of instructor-led fun and activities. Atlantis will take care of the invitations, juice, plates, forks, napkins, and table coverings, and send every swimmer home with a goodie bag, balloon and open swim pass. This offer is good for a birthday party of twelve swimmers—add \$8 for each additional swimmer (up to 16 total).

416 Giraffe Costume

Value: \$60

Donor: Joyce Boardson

A four-year-old will feel 15-feet tall in this darling handmade giraffe costume. It's the perfect thing to wear to ZooBoo 2014!

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417 Mercedes Push Truck for Toddlers

Value: \$101

Donor: Sears Auto Imports

Now even toddlers can experience infinite precision steering and a tight turning radius behind the wheel of this Mercedes push truck. Jawohl!

418 Girl's Jewelry Starter Kit

Value: \$119

Donor: Cool Jewels by Phillips

Create a jewelry chest full of natural wonders with this collection of Como-inspired jewelry. Flamingos, parrots, butterflies and flowers provide the motifs for seven necklaces and five bracelets perfect for storing in the accompany six-drawer chest decorated with porcelain animal prints.

419 Signature Collection Bengal Tiger from Aurora

Value: \$70

Donor: Aurora Worlds, Inc., Como Friends

This is the only Bengal Tiger we'd recommend cuddling—this cozy and realistic plus from Aurora's Signature Collection. The purr-fect gift for one of your little tigers, this package also includes a copy of "The Tigers of Como Zoo."

420 Dress Like a Fairy Princess

Value: \$100

Donor: Mary Jean Sargent

Indulge a little girl's princess phase with this hand-knit princess ruffles skirt in pink and green, matching hand-knit cardigan, onesie and leggings in size 18-24 months. Additional storybooks included to fuel her flights of fancy.

421 Dog Book Bonanza

Value: \$63

Donor: Red Balloon Bookshop

Canines and kids have a special bond, which you can read all about in these three books about dogs from our friends at Red Balloon, Grand Avenue's beloved independent children's book store, famous for their lively story times, author readings, and knowledgeable staff. Start your beginning reader off just right with a \$10 gift certificate and a Red Balloon t-shirt.

CHILDREN'S (CONTINUED)

422 Rarities Polar Bear Plush

Value: \$50

Donor: Manhattan Toy Co.

Who could resist the face of this polar bear plush named Patrick? From Manhattan Toy's Rarities collection, he's the perfect pillow pal.

423 American Girl Doll Package

Value: \$240

Donor: Jackie and Lily Sticha

Meet Isabelle, the American Girl doll of the year, an inspired dancer who discovers her own way to shine. This collectible package includes an Isabelle doll and companion book, a purple leotard, dance skirt and leg warmers, and a dance barre.

424 Nanny in a Wagon

Value: \$50

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

This wagon is jam-packed with everything you need to enjoy the day with little kids—just add a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and you're ready to roll. This "Nanny in a Wagon" package comes complete with a 20-pack of Sidewalk Chalk, Gian Blow Bubbles, Candyland and Ants in the Pants games, and a perfect pre-nap book, *I Love You So...* Great gear for Grandma and Grandpa to have on hand when the grandchildren come over.

425 Ruffles, Rosettes and Frills Strike A Little Fashion Fancy

Value: \$125

Donor: Mary Jean Sargent

Adorable hand-knit two-toned layered dress in shades of purple. A must-have outfit for the special little girl in your life!

426 Animal Children's Books

Value: \$40

Donor: Adventure Publications, Fiesta

Help your littlest learners explore their love of nature with this collection of animal-themed children's books including, *The Minnesota Activity Book*, *Some Babies are Wild*, *The Cutest Critter*, and *Whose Butt?* This biblio-biophilia package also includes a "Mammals of the Midwest" card deck, Comfie lion and tiger plush.

427 Dr. Suess Basket

Value: \$50

Donor: Flo Dougherty

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Start your kids off right with this collection of Dr. Seuss books including *Put Me in the Zoo*, *The Nose Book* (with a matching purple elephant plush), *Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb* (with a monkey plush), and *Go, Dog, Go*, with a plush!

428 Monster and Me

Value: \$63

Donor: Manhattan Toy Co.

Let your kid unleash his inner monster when he's dressed as a Wild Woobly. This one-eyed monster costume features soft and fuzzy fleece with child-friendly closure in the back. A big peek hole makes it safe for walking the sidewalks on Halloween. A matching monster provides the "mini-me" experience; fits children age 3-5.

429 Children's Tiger Collection

Value: \$110

Donor: Stephen Joseph Inc.

Outfit a cool kid with this "Cool Cats" kit, including a tiger backpack with lunchbox, water bottle, snack bags and freezer friend. A wallet, 3D umbrella, penny pouch and pencil are all part of the package.

430 Wells Fargo Pony

Value: \$150

Donor: Wells Fargo

Based on the actual horses used by Wells Fargo's express agents, this large pony deserves his own stall in your child's stable of plush animals.

431 Pink Pedal Car

Value: \$400

Donor: Brad Wood and Colleen McGough-Wood

Who says little girls can't go vroom? Let her wave to the crowds from this pink pedal car fit for a princess, with adjustable windshield, steerable wheels and working headlights.

ESPECIALLY FOR MEN

500 Lookin' Good on the Golf Course

Value: \$110

Donor: Tim & Nicky Nagle

You'll be styling from the first hole to the clubhouse in this Adidas pure motion CoolMax men's golf shirt in royal blue (size medium), white Adidas hat and Foot Joy pro dry socks.

501 Faber-Castell Desk Organizer & Writing Instruments

Value: \$125

Donor: Janel Russell Designs

There are certain things that should never be missing on a well-equipped desk, including this Faber-Castell desk organizer, with Faber-Castell leather pen and Faber-Castell ball point pen.

502 Men's Hair Cut and Products

Value: \$75

Donor: Avant Hair & Cosmetics, Aveda Corporation

Located in the skyway level of LaSalle Plaza, Avant Hair & Cosmetics celebrates 37 years of stellar service in Downtown Minneapolis. Get a great men's cut and an Aveda Men's sampler kit.

503 Anniversary Package

Value: \$290

Donor: Abdallah Candies & Gifts, Aurora Spa, Luci Ancora, Rocco Altobelli, Social Dance Studio, French Meadow Bakery & Café

Have a special anniversary on the horizon? Get ready for a night on the town with a certificate for four group classes at Social Dance Studio. Pamper her with an oxygen facial, a great blow-out at Rocco Altobelli (with a \$20 gift certificate; one per visit only), a \$40 gift card to Luci Ancora & Ristorante Luci, and a \$25 gift certificate at French Meadow Bakery & Café. Kick it old school with a box of chocolates, with a \$20 gift card to Abdallah Candies & Gifts.

504 G-Shock Watch

Value: \$99

Donor: Thurston Jewelers

Casio G-Shock digital watches are the ultimate tough timepiece. This durable, black men's digital watch includes auto EL backlight, world time, daily alarm, stopwatch, countdown timer and 12/24-hour formats. Water resistant to 200 meters.

SILENT AUCTION HIGHLIGHT

The Travelers Sunset Affair Cool Cats Silent Auction catalog has more than 300 fabulous packages for you to place bids. From unique adventures, items for the home and garden, and ways to pamper yourself, to wine and dine delights, and Only-Como specialty offerings — the auction has something for everyone!

Here are some items you won't want to miss!

ZOO KEEPER FOR A DAY

— VALUE: Priceless —

See what it is really like to be a Como Zoo keeper for a day. You will tag along as zoo keepers share secrets about how they feed penguins, walk a reindeer — and make Buzz and Neil's favorite frozen treats. This memorable day will be the most fun you'll ever have shoveling poop!

CALLING ALL "COOL CAT" MUSICIANS

— VALUE: \$650 —

Are you a songwriter or lyricist and want to hear your song professionally recorded? Nashville music production company Tune up My Tune has worked with heavy hitters in the music business and have access to top name players that give your song what it needs to stand out. Melody writing, arrangement and full demo production included! Any style of music is welcome — not just country!

GO PRO CAMERA KIT

— VALUE: \$463 —

The coolest camera on the market, the GoPro HERO3+ Black Edition is the lightest GoPro yet. It is perfect for creating high quality video of your next adventure! Capture stunning wide angle shots and snap images in low light. Package includes Head Strap Mount, memory card, battery and more!

SUPER SILENT AUCTION HIGHLIGHT

ECO-ADVENTURE TRIP TO BELIZE

VALUE: \$12,200

Check a once-in-a-lifetime adventure off your list with this 7-day, custom-created trip for Travelers Sunset Affair guests. Travel from Minnesota to Belize to explore the wild wonders and tranquil beauty of this amazing country. **Spend four days at the eco-friendly Mystic River Resort**, located on the beautiful Macal River in the Belize jungle just 7 miles from the Twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena. While at Mystic River, enjoy a **night "hike"** on a Polaris ATV, **canoe** to Mayan temples, **explore** local caves, and **relax** to the sounds of birds and breezes. Your riverview suite comes with a fireplace and private balcony, and you will be treated to a breakfast and a fabulous 3-course dinner.

Journey from Mystic River to Hopkins Bay for a **3-night stay at Villa Verano**, a luxury beach location with 5-star amenities, including rooftop gym, hot tub, and ocean side pool. Your penthouse suite has panoramic views of both the ocean and the mountains from its private rooftop patio. During your stay, you will **tour** the Jaguar Preserve at Cockscomb National Park, **snorkel** in the Belize Barrier Reef, and just **chill** on the beach.

This package, valued at \$12,200, includes lodging, in-country travel and 140,000 FlexPerks points to use toward airfare (\$2,800 value).

Compliments of Schulke Travel, Rico Travel, FlexPerks and the Como Friends Board of Trustees.

SUPER SILENT AUCTION HIGHLIGHT

POLAR BEARS AND POKER!

VALUE: \$4,450

Who needs to go to Las Vegas when you can have your own poker tournament right at Como? Your party of 20 will be treated like VIPs — as this package includes a unique, exclusive venue; transportation; expert poker dealers; food and beverage; and hotel accommodations. Your experience begins at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel St. Paul for a cocktail reception at the new Rival House Sporting Parlour before you are whisked away to Como Park Zoo and Conservatory by a Como Shuttle — so no driving is required! **Como's Polar Bear Lodge will be transformed into the location for a high-stakes poker tournament** with tables, professional dealers, poker lessons and non-cash prizes provided by our partners at Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley. The Lodge overlooks Polar Bear Odyssey, so you might see Buzz and Neil if they stop by for a visit!

Don't worry — we've got your food & beverage covered! Rival House and Grand Casino have teamed up to provide shareable bites for your guests. At the end of the evening, you will retire to your comfy room at the DoubleTree for your overnight stay.

This package includes exclusive use of the Polar Bear Lodge, shuttle service, hotel accommodations at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel St. Paul (10 rooms), food and beverages hosted by Rival House and Grand Casino, and professional casino dealers. Compliments of Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, DoubleTree by Hilton, Rival House Sporting Parlour, Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Grand Casino Hinckley and Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures. The party needs to be scheduled at a time mutually agreed upon by the winning bidder, Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, DoubleTree and Grand Casino.

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505 Stately Desk Items

Value: \$95

Donor: William Paddock

This stately lion ashtray and lion-handled pewter stein add just the right degree of growl to any man cave.

506 "His" GolfTEC

Value: \$160

Donor: GolfTEC

Fine tune your golf game with this gift certificate for a swing analysis from GolfTEC. Also included, Ben Hogan's *Fundamentals of Golf* book, a divot tool and marker, and a small black golf towel.

507 Dress Shirt

Value: \$150

Donor: Judd Frost Clothiers

Experience the best in style with this certificate for a Skip Gambert custom-made men's dress shirt from Wayzata's Judd Frost Clothiers.

508 Tiger Engraved Wooden Journal

Value: \$75

Donor: Woodchuck's

Handcrafted in their Minneapolis workshop using 100% sustainably-sourced wood, the cover of each Woodchuck Classic journal is individually selected for unique grain and quality, ensuring authenticity and bold distinction. With a custom tiger engraving created especially for the "Cool Cats" at Travelers Sunset Affair, this journal features recycled paper. Shop for more with a \$25 Woodchuck gift certificate.

509 Red Wing Shoes

Value: \$200

Donor: Red Wing Shoes

Red Wing Shoes have been around as long as Como has, but their craftsmanship and solid construction never goes out of style. Grab a pair of boots or shoes that will fit forever with this gift certificate.

510 Car Care Basket

Value: \$175

Donor: Bob Palmgren

Enjoy a complete line of Lube-Tech products designed to clean and shine every surface of your car.

ESPECIALLY FOR MEN (CONTINUED)

511 J. Novachis

Value: \$238
Donor: J. Novachis

Enjoy a \$200 shopping spree at this fine men's clothier located at Edina's very stylish 50th and France. This package includes a pair of life changing socks you won't find anywhere else in Minnesota.

512 Golf Lover's Package

Value: \$145
Donor: Tim and Nicky Nagle

Hit the long ball in this Adidas Climacool orang men's golf shirt in orange (size large), Foot Joy ProDry orange and white socks, and one dozen Titleist ProV 1 golf balls.

513 King Collection Summer Tie Package

Value: \$175
Donor: King Brothers Clothiers

Step up your summer style quotient with three fashion-forward ties from the King Collection. King Brothers Clothiers are committed to making the world a more stylish place, and are one of the only bespoke custom clothiers in the Midwest.

514 Mulching/Rear Bagging Lawn Mower

Value: \$299
Donor: The Toro Company

With Lawn-Boy mowers the choice is clear cut. This Lawn-Boy 20-inch CARB Compliant variable speed mower is equipped with a blade override system, known as TimeOut. This feature allows the user to safely step away from the mower momentarily without having to restart the engine upon returning. Weighing only 80 pounds, this lightweight 20-inch mower is maneuverable yet powerful enough to cut through tough grass. Powered by a Kohler 149cc 6-1/2 gross torque over head valve engine, this mulching and rear bagging mower requires no priming and is easy to pull.

SPORTS & RECREATION

600 Twins vs. Cleveland Indians

Value: \$492

Donor: Ecolab

Take the whole mini-van to see the Twins take on the Cleveland Indians at Target Field, with 6 tickets to the Thursday, August 21, 2014 game starting at 12:10 p.m.

601 Gear West Ski and Run Gear

Value: \$100

Donor: Gear West Ski and Run

Get inspired for your next 5K with this Saucony Running Tank top and matching Saucony running shorts, both women's size medium. Also included, a \$20 gift certificate for fresh kicks.

602 Park Tavern

Value: \$520

Donor: Park Tavern

Strike it big with a bowling party for up to 40 people at the Park Tavern in St. Louis Park. Bowling shoes included! (Advance reservations required. Maximum 6 lanes. Minimum 6 people per lane and party time up to 2 hours.)

603 Hit the Jackpot

Value: \$100

Donor: Minnesota State Lottery

Take your chances with \$100 worth of lottery tickets from the Minnesota State Lottery. One of them could be a winner! You must be 18 years or older to bid on this item.

604 Twins vs. Chicago White Sox & Parking Pass

Value: \$282

Donor: HLB Tautges Redpath, LTD.

Take your kids out to the ball game on the first day of school, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. with four tickets to see the Twins take on the Chicago White Sox. Your Legend Club tickets entitle you to full privileges in this luxurious, climate-controlled concourse with fantastic sight lines along the first base, and several exclusive lounge areas featuring upscale amenities and food and beverage, most notably the Puckett Lounge. Parking passes included.

SPORTS & RECREATION (CONTINUED)

605 Gear West Ski and Run Gear

Value: \$91

Donor: Gear West Ski and Run

Just the outfit for the Twin Cities half-marathon in October—Asics running shorts and matching long-sleeve technical running shirt, both in women's size large.

606 Find Your Balance at CorePower Yoga

Value: \$179

Donor: Core Power Yoga

From hot yoga to vinyasa, CorePower Yoga has a full complement of classes suited for all ages and experience levels. With this pass, you'll have unlimited access to all of CorePower's offerings for a full month.

607 Wayne Gretzky Figurine

Value: \$250

Donor: Joe Loots

Limited-edition, porcelain cast figurine of Wayne Gretzky, hockey's all-time leading scorer. This figurine is part of a collection personally autographed and approved by The Great One, who set the all-time scoring record on October 15, 1989.

608 Pool and Yacht Club

Value: \$1,400

Donor: Pool and Yacht Club

Located on the shores of the mighty Mississippi in Lilydale, the Pool and Yacht club calls itself "the best kept secret in the Twin Cities." Enjoy a one-year membership with all its privileges. (Certificate MUST be redeemed within 60 days of issue. One-year Complimentary Membership available only once per household.)

609 St. Croix National Golf & Event Center

Value: \$83

Donor: St. Croix National Golf & Event Center

Ranked the #1 course in Wisconsin by Wisconsin Classic Golf Tour golfers, Saint Croix National offers sculpted fairways and greens with the natural beauty of the surrounding area. Each hole is tucked perfectly into every bend and turn of the flowing landscape—giving you the breathtaking views of the Saint Croix River Valley. Tee up for a great day on the links with this gift certificate good for two 18 hole green fees, valid Monday thru Thursday.

610 Wild Players Memorabilia

Value: \$258

Donor: Joe Loots, Adventure Publications, KSTP/KSTC

Complete your Minnesota sports collection with a Marco Scandella's hockey stick (signed with certificate of authenticity, donation by KSTP/KSTC). Five signed player photos from the Minnesota Wild: Goaltender Darcy Kuemper, Center Charlie Coyle, Left Wing Jason Zucker, Left Wing Antti Laaksonen, and Left Wing Matt Kassian. Includes *Hockey Moms Aren't Crazy!*

611 Lust for Life

Value: \$381

Donor: Arthur Murray Dance Studio Minneapolis, The Fit Tourist, Lutsen Mountains, Wise Acre Eatery

A body in motion stays in shape, so gear up for this great combination of gifts for fitness buffs. Take to the slopes with two lift tickets to Lutsen Mountain, a bike tour for two from the Fit Tourist, and one week of dance program lessons (for new students only) at Arthur Murray Dance Studio. (Offer expires 1/17/15). Refresh and refuel with a \$20 gift certificate to the Wise Acre Eatery in Minneapolis, and a drinking bottle.



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SPORTS & RECREATION (CONTINUED)

612 Music Mayhem, the furiously fun game for all music lovers

Value: \$250
Donor: Bill Solboe

It's "Name That Tune" meets "Wheel of Fortune"—a great party game! Bill Solboe of Music Mayhem will come to your next family get-together or reunion, any age birthday party, anniversary, other special occasion or party with friends. "Music Mayhem" provides everything you need for 1½ hours of fun – professional host, copy of the board game (you get to keep), computer, sound system and large screen TV, and the perfect custom song play list for your guests.

613 Tanner's Golf Course

Value: \$280
Donor: Tanner's Golf Course, Craig Brische, Jerry Adams

Golf Forest Lake's picturesque Tanner's Brook Golf Club designed by former PGA Tour player Dave Tantis of White Bear Lake. This package includes a foursome of golf, two golf carts, and a \$75 gift card for food and beverage. Expires October 31, 2014.

614 Nice Ride

Value: \$100
Donor: Nice Ride

Grab the summer by the handlebars and curb that carbon footprint with a one-year subscription to Nice Ride, the Twin Cities' public bike sharing system. You can pedal from some of the coolest corners in Minneapolis and St. Paul in seconds with a convenient Nice Ride key. Package comes complete with Nice Ride T-shirt, pant leg straps, and cycling cap.

615 Play Ball

Value: \$192
Donor: Scott Dongoske

Hey sports fans, which MLB team originated as the "Lake Shores" in 1900? See for yourself on September 21, 2014 when the Minnesota Twins take on the Cleveland Indians with four tickets in section 119 to the 12:10 p.m. game.

616 Jawaahir Dance Company and The Cassandra School

Value: \$280
Donor: Jawaahir Dance Company and The Cassandra School

Teaching Middle Eastern and belly dancing for thirty years, the Jawaahir Dance Company will get you in the groove. These two gift certificates are good for 10-week session of beginner dance classes.

617 Gear West Ski and Run Gear

Value: \$105

Donor: Gear West Ski and Run

Mix up your cardio workout this winter with a free cross-country ski lesson (Wednesdays only), and a long sleeve Prana shirt, perfect for yoga, skiing, or running.

618 Legends Club: Twins vs. Detroit

Value: \$200

Donor: Jewellie Grape

See the Twins take on the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m. with four tickets in the Legends Club section of Target Field. This luxurious, climate-controlled concourse features fantastic sight lines along the first base, and several exclusive lounge areas featuring upscale amenities and food and beverage, most notably the Puckett Lounge.

619 "Dancing with the Stars" Dreamers Kit

Value: \$120

Donor: Dancers Studio

Does "Dancing with the Stars" make your dream of doing it yourself? Then grab this gift certificate to Dancers Studio good for one private ballroom dance lesson, one group class, and one dance party for an individual or couple.

620 Workout/Yoga Basket

Value: \$145

Donor: Lynette Palmgren, Balance for Life Fitness Center

Get fit and flexible with this gift certificate from Balance for Life for four group fitness classes. Keep the flow going with your home practice with this yoga mat, yoga block, yoga handbook, stretch out strap and guide, and stability ball.

621 "Her" GolfTEC

Value: \$160

Donor: GolfTEC

Fine tune your golf game with this gift certificate for a swing analysis from GolfTEC. Also included, a pink golf towel, pink and white tees, Divot tool and markers and golf glove.

SPORTS & RECREATION (CONTINUED)

622 Vikings Vs. Lions

Value: \$1,060

Donor: Space Center

Fall was invented for football, and there's no better place to take in a game than from the outdoor club seats at the TCF Bank Stadium at the University of Minnesota. Enjoy four tickets to see the Vikings take on the Detroit Lions October 12th for a noon game, with access to the DQ Club with food and beverages and a parking pass included.

623 Root for the Home Team

Value: \$328

Donor: Space Center

Root, root, root for the home team with four tickets at Target Field on Wednesday, August 20 at 7:10 pm to see the Twins take on the Cleveland Indians.

624 Lifetime Fitness

Value: \$105

Donor: Lifetime Fitness

Turn heads on your trail run dressed in this women's MPG Performance Jacket, in space-dyed heather grey & black, and Nike Miler Orange short sleeve shirt featuring Dri-FIT UV fabric and flat-seam construction.

625 Minnesota United

Value: \$60

Donor: KSTP/KSTC

Did you catch World Cup fever? Then support our local soccer scene with four field seat tickets to see Minnesota United take on the Indy Eleven on Saturday, August 16 at 7 p.m. at the National Sports Center in Blaine.

626 Gopher Women's Ticket Package

Value: \$193

Donor: Golden Gopher Fund

Hey sports fans, check out two Gopher women's teams with this U of M pride package: You'll get four tickets and a parking pass to a 2014-2015 mutually agreed upon home women's basketball game at Williams Arena, and four tickets and one parking pass to a 2014-2015 mutually agreed upon home women's volleyball match at the Sports Pavilion. A University of Minnesota hat and XL men's polo shirt are also included.

GETAWAY

700 A Night on the Town in Minneapolis

Value: \$180

Donor: Minneapolis Marriott City Center

Check in to the nightlife in Minneapolis with this gift certificate for a Friday or Saturday night stay for two at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. Enjoy two complimentary breakfast buffets (including non-alcoholic beverages and tax) in the Northern Shores Grille the following morning. Restrictions: Certificate must be presented at check in. Void on high occupancy nights including Feb. 14 and Dec. 31.

701 Fishin' Fun

Value: \$528

Donor: Trapper's Landing, Joe's Sporting Goods

Trapper's Landing Lodge, nestled on the shores of Leech Lake in Walker, Minnesota, offers more than the classic family resort vacation with a prime location, luxury accommodations and activities to enjoy all, year round. Check in for a two-night stay in a Lakeview Suite at Trappers Landing on Leech Lake, famous for its walleye fishing. Two \$25 gift certificates for Joe's Sporting Goods will get you geared up with all the right tackle for what's biting.

702 Stone Mountain Pet Lodge

Value: \$170

Donor: Stone Mountain Pet Lodge

Your dog will wish you went out of town more often when he unpacks his bones for a free weekend stay at the Stone Mountain Pet Lodge, Minnesota's premiere dog, cat, and exotic animal boarding facility. This offer includes 4 X 6 suite with an attached 4 x 12 outside run, a comfortable raised Kuranda Bed, and "Animal Planet" playing on the TV 24/7. Your dog will enjoy a Frozen Peanut Butter Kong treat time, one 15-minute walk each day, a report card, one free Emerald Pool bath or a 20% discount on a professional grooming package. Offer not valid on July 4-6 and December 23-26.

703 Gull Lake

Value: \$2,500

Donor: DeAnne and John Bennett

Get away to Gull Lake next month by checking in to a seven-day time share at Causeway on Gull in beautiful Nisswa. Relax in Minnesota's most iconic lake county, with swimming, canoeing, and sight-seeing around Gull Lake's 38 miles of shoreline. August 1-8, 2014. (All rentals are required to leave a security deposit.)

GETAWAY (CONTINUED)

704 Discover Duluth

Value: \$140

Donor: Bent Paddle Brewing Co., Glensheen, the historic Congdon Estate, Minnesota Historical Society, Great Lakes Aquarium

It's cooler by the lake in Duluth, your destination for a full weekend of North Shore fun. Start at gorgeous Glensheen mansion with a standard tour pass for two, then check out the Great Lakes Aquarium in Canal Park with four free passes. Next take a scenic drive to Split Rock Light House, one of the 26 Minnesota historic sites you can explore with four admission passes provided by the Minnesota Historical Society. Headed for a campsite? Don't forget to bring your Hydroflask insulated growler (plus one free fill) from the folks at Bent Paddle Brewing Co.

705 White Bear Country Weekend

Value: \$160

Donor: Best Western White Bear Country Inn/ Rudy's Redeye Grill, Pine Tree Orchard

Pine Tree Orchard is the place to go to see the fall harvest at its finest. Grab some just-picked apples and fresh-baked apple desserts with a \$30 gift certificate, then you get away close to home with a one-night stay at the Best Western White Bear Country Inn and a \$20 gift certificate to Rudy's Redeye Grill. (Not valid Saturdays, New Year's Eve, or during special events.)

706 Back to Nature Weekend

Value: \$185

Donor: Dodge Nature Center

Get back to nature in the middle of Mendota Heights with a two-night stay at the Dodge Nature Center's Lilly Cabin. Built in the early 1930s by John Lilly, Sr., the cabin has a main room, kitchenette, bedroom, bathroom, and indoor and outdoor fireplaces. A cozy retreat for anyone who wants to be closer to nature, but not far from home, this quick getaway package includes a one-year family membership, a Dodge Nature Center cooler, deck of cards and umbrella. Your stay must be scheduled between April 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015.

707 Play and Stay at Grand Casino

Value: \$200

Donor: Grand Casino

Enjoy a one night stay in a Jacuzzi Suite, \$20 off any food venue and \$20 in Grand Play. May not be used with other coupons. Tax, Alcohol and Gratuity not included. Grand Rewards Membership is required to use any of the certificates. Guest may redeem one coupon for Grand Paly per day. Valid Sunday – Thursday at Mille Lacs or Hinckley properties. Subject to availability.

708 Romantic Renaissance Festival Weekend

Value: \$221

Donor: Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Minnesota Renaissance Festival

See men in tights, jousting knights, and damsels in distress with two tickets to the Minnesota Renaissance Festival (valid from 8/16/14 - 9/28/14). Check into the nearby Mystic Lake Casino Hotel with certificates for a one-night stay and dinner for two at The Buffet (Double occupancy reservation based on availability.)

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HOME & GARDEN

800 Bird Lovers Basket

Value: \$180

Donor: Nicky and Tim Nagle

Gaze on nature's greatest show with this Minnesota-themed bird house, two feeders and food to set the stage for avian action outside, and a few bird-themed accessories for indoor décor.

801 Stewart Plaid Wool Throw

Value: \$100

Donor: Faribault Woolen Mill

Loomed in the Land of Lakes by Faribault Woolen Mills, this Stewart plaid wool throw is destined for heirloom status in your home. This rugged stadium blanket is designed to be used outdoors and is naturally soil repellent. Dirt and debris can simply be brushed away returning the throw to like-new condition. Permanently moth-proofed, 100% pure wool. Dimension 50 x 60. Dry Clean Only.

802 Christmas in July Basket

Value: \$275

Donor: Flo Dougherty

Deck the halls in December with this charming collection of décor and ornaments designed to put you in a holiday mood. Included is a reindeer table runner, The Elf on the Shelf book and Elf, Advent calendar, Nutcracker, a Jim Shore "Winter in the Wood" figurine, and a Santa Claus figurine. Decorate your tree with a little touch of Como with animal ornaments including polar bear, monkey, seal, small monkey, zebra, elephant, and the man of the hour, Santa Claus.

803 Rainbow Art Glass

Value: \$159

Donor: Christiansen and Associates

Dress up your desk with this rainbow paperweight, capturing the full spectrum of color in layers of molten glass.

804 Red Solo Cup Collection

Value: \$198

Donor: Big Mouth Toys

Nothing says "summer party" quite like the Red Solo cup, the inspiration behind this clever light string that will give your next patio party just the right red glow. Included in this perfect picnic collection is a Red Cup Drink Kooler, an InflataBuffet and two inflatable coolers that pack down post-party for easy storage.

805 Family Portrait from Studio J's

Value: \$200
Donor: Studio J's

Are your kids growing up too fast? Freeze time with this certificate for a 45-minute indoor and outdoor family or child fine art portrait session with Studio J's signature photographer, Judd Sather, in historic downtown Stillwater. An 8 x 10 professional print is included in your package.

806 Thirty-One Products

Value: \$116
Donor: Tim and Nicky Nagle

Pack and carry every bit of summer fun you can with products from the Thirty-One line of trendy totes! You can find a whole family's pool gear in this large utility tote in daisy craze print, pack a picnic into the fresh market thermal in sunny stripe, and stay hydrated with the bring-a-bottle thermal in sunny stripe.

807 Fresh Cooking Cookbooks

Value: \$87
Donor: Beth Dooley

Inspired by what's growing in Como's Edible Garden? Then grab this trio of signed cookbooks by food writer Beth Dooley, an expert on making the most of Minnesota's bounty. Three titles include *The Seasons of the Northern Heartland*, *Northern Heartland Kitchen*, and *Minnesota's Bounty: The Farmers Market Cookbook*.

808 Handmade Holiday Cards

Value: \$40
Donor: Wendy Armitage

Postmark something personal this holiday season with this basket of more than twenty handmade Christmas and Holiday cards, created by long-time Como supporter Wendy Armitage.

809 For the Birds!

Value: \$55
Donor: Nancy and Russell Nelson

Take care of the birds in your own back yard with this bird feeder and sample feed. Find just the right seed for your feeder with an accompanying \$25 gift certificate to Wild Birds Unlimited.

HOME & GARDEN (CONTINUED)

810 Zak! Designs basket

Value: \$150

Donor: Nicky and Tim Nagle

Add some citrus-y color to your kitchen with this eye-popping and practical collection of Zak! Designs products. This orange wicker basket is filled with Zak! Designs products in kiwi and orange, including a set of 6-inch dot bowls, dot tumblers, a 14-inch chip and dip platter, mixing bowls, spoons and mini-preps to make family meals fun!

811 Ric Cox's Pottery

Value: \$150

Donor: Ric Cox's Pottery

Dress up your salads and your table with this hand-thrown olive oil dispenser, cup and holder created by Roseville potter Ric Cox.

812 Accessorize Your Garden

Value: \$81

Donor: Gypsy Moon, Gertens

Gild your lillies with these delightful garden accessories, including a Crested Moon Trellis, Sun and Star Balancer, and two charming bird candle holders from the eclectic gift store Gypsy Moon. Keep that garden growing with an additional \$25 gift certificate to Gertens.

813 Hummingbird Stained Glass

Value: \$130

Donor: DNA Sales

Dress up a dull window with this colorful stained glass panel that captures the colors of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory in full bloom.

814 Front Avenue Pottery and Tile Co.

Value: \$392

Donor: Front Avenue Pottery and Tile Co.

Set an unforgettable table with gorgeous stoneware from Front Avenue Pottery & Tile Company, just a stone's throw from Como. This hand-thrown dinner set of custom-made for Sunset Affair for four includes dinner, salad, and dessert plates, small bowls and drinking glasses.

815 Garden Inspired Art Glass

Value: \$159

Donor: Christiansen and Associates

This beautiful flower paperweight contains the beauty of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory in colorful layers of 1,500 degree molten glass.

816 Be an Individual!

Value: \$45

Donor: Gypsy Moon, Friend of Como

Live a more creative life when you make "Color Outside the Lines" your mantra. Art sign suitable for hanging or display. Includes an inspirational mug that promises "Life Begins at the End of your Comfort Zone".

817 Gabi India Throw Pillow

Value: \$50

Donor: Mary Jensen

Add a little safari chic to your décor with this colorful lion throw pillow, designed by Gabi India.

818 Professional Antique Appraisal Session

Value: \$100

Donor: Personal Property Solutions

Imagine "Antiques Roadshow" right at your front door! This package is for a one-hour consultation about your antiques and other valuables by an accredited member of the International Society of Appraisers.

819 Baking Kaboodle from Cooks of Crocus Hill

Value: \$112

Donor: Nancy and Russ Nelson

Set the oven to 350 degrees and let's get baking with this lime green two-quart mixing bowl and matching batter tool, angled measuring cup, scoop, spreader and silicone spoonula. Need some inspiration? Use this \$50 gift certificate at Cooks of Crocus Hill toward a class or gadget.

820 Beginners Bird Watching Kit

Value: \$64

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais, Adventure Publications

Create a birdwatching paradise in your own back yard with this beginner's bird watching kit. This crate contains everything you need to set the stage for the theater of nature—a feeder, seven pounds of feed, and bird-watching books: *Zen Birds* by Vanessa Sorensen, *Remarkable Woodpeckers* by Stan Tekila, and the *Stokes' Beginner's Guide to Birds*.

821 Animal Wind Chime

Value: \$47

Donor: Woodstock

This rustic wooden wind chime deserves a place on your front porch or patio, with its pleasing sound, and charming carved animal figurines.

HOME & GARDEN (CONTINUED)

822 Stoneware Bowl & Vase

Value: \$75

Donor: Sallie O'Brien

Set a more stylish table with this distinctive stoneware bowl and vase, handcrafted by longtime Sunset Affair supporter Sallie O'Brien.

823 Sleepy Hollow Whimsical Gnome Chalet

Value: \$180

Donor: Nicky and Tim Nagle

You may have seen this whimsical gnome home at Linders Garden Center's State Fair display. Bring it home today to add an instant conversation piece to your garden, lawn or patio—and a sturdy resting place for garden sprites and gnomes.

824 Engraved Wine Glasses

Value: \$60

Donor: Scripted Stone

Bidding on some of tonight's enticing wine collections? Then be sure to add this set of wine glasses to your bidding list, each engraved exclusively for "Cool Cats."

825 Dress Up Your Home!

Value: \$154

Donor: HOM Furniture, Coynes And Company, Gypsy Moon

"Love makes a house a HOME" is the message of this sign, but accessories also help. Give your house a fun new look with these Como-inspired accessories, including a metal birdcage, and a ceramic indoor water fountain. Add to the look with a \$50 certificate for HOM Furniture.

826 Colorful Como Quilt

Value: \$400

Donor: Janet Pribnow

From large cats to Japanese gardens, nearly every corner of Como has been stitched into this custom-made quilt, destined to be an heirloom.

827 Celebrate Our Pollinators!

Value: \$120

Donor: Gift Street, Inc., Mother Earth Gardens, Cool Jewels by Phillips

Create a window that looks out on summer all year round with this butterfly stained glass art panel. A matching stained glass butterfly carries the motif throughout your décor. Comes with a \$10 certificate for Mother Earth Gardens and five beautiful butterfly pins.

828 Sago Palm Plant

Value: \$65

Donor: Saba Flowers

Add a distinctly Asian accent to your houseplant collection with this lovely Sago Palm set in this modern planter. These low-growing, slow-growing cycads add a taste of the tropical to your greenhouse.

829 Cool Cats Cat Fan

Value: \$35

Donor: Priorities 2

Let this charming Cat Shaped Decorative Figurine Fan brighten your day while it keeps you cool.

830 Bubblegum Pink Phlox

Value: \$45

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

Bring a snap of bright color to your summer borders with these three, showy Bubblegum Pink Phlox bloomers from Bailey Nurseries.

831 Champagne Wishes Roses

Value: \$105

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

These three Rosa Easy Elegance Champagne Wishes White shrub roses display lovely apricot buds that produce abundant blooms that mature to a beautiful, rich, antique white. This stunning shrub rose works great in a mixed landscape, as well as a single planting. It can even be used as a low hedge, sure to be the prettiest hedge in the neighborhood.

832 Twist-n-Shout Hydrangea

Value: \$105

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

These three Twist-n-Shout Endless Summer hydrangeas produce amazing pink or periwinkle flowers blooms from early summer all the way through fall. Vivid color, sturdy red stems and deep green foliage will keep your garden stunning all summer long.

833 Thuja Technito Arborvitae

Value: \$120

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

Technito Arborvitae is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive pyramidal form. Great for hedges, these three First Editions Technito Arborvitae will thrive in full sun to partial shade.

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834 Vanilla Strawberry Hydrangea

Value: \$120

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

Large, well-branched, and vigorous, these three 'Vanilla Strawberry' hydrangea plants can reach 6 to 7 feet high and 4 to 5 feet wide within just a few seasons. The flowers continue well into fall in most areas, and are spectacular in fresh and dried arrangements.

835 Cotton Candy Phlox

Value: \$45

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

These three Cotton Candy Phlox present a luscious combination of soft lavender-pink blossoms with deep pink centers. The compact, upright plants have dark purplish stems and leaves for added interest, plus great mildew resistance and a sweet scent.

836 BloomStruck Hydrangea

Value: \$120

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

Depending on soil pH, these three Endless Summer BloomStruck hydrangeas will produce rose-pink, violet or blue flower heads. Because of BloomStruck's extremely strong stems, above average heat tolerance and great disease resistance —especially to powdery mildew— it is a perfect combination of beauty and hardiness for your garden!

837 Music Box Roses

Value: \$105

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

An ideal accent that will bring harmony to your garden, these three Music Box Easy Elegance shrub roses sing with double blooms of creamy yellow centers surrounded by delicate pink blends. An ever blooming mound of radiant blossoms sits atop glossy medium green foliage that is resistant to disease.

838 Grape Lollipop Phlox

Value: \$45

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

Make the hummingbirds happy with these three Grape Lollipop Phlox plants, with plump flower heads filled with reddish purple blossoms with a flare of white circling their darker centers. This long-blooming, well-branched variety is a hummingbird pleaser.

839 Strawberry Sundae Hydrangea

Value: \$120

Donor: Bailey Nurseries Inc.

Strawberry Sundae® is a delicious new compact hydrangea with flowers that emerge creamy white in mid summer, changing to pink and finally to strawberry red. The flowers will remind you of a refreshing strawberry sundae ice cream treat on a hot summer afternoon. These three hydrangea plants can add color to a small space garden or container and the fantastic flower color lasts well into fall.

PAMPER YOURSELF

900 Spark a Little Romance Package

Value: \$180

Donor: Tom and Jean McGough

Build a fire and rekindle the romance with this old-fashioned bucket, cut firewood, burlap bag of kindling, and hearth matches. Comes complete with a plush blanket, wine glasses, bottle of wine and two romantic CDs.

901 Fountain of Youth in a Bag

Value: \$62

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

"Time's fun when you're having flies!" and other words of wisdom from the great philosopher, Kermit THE Frog are included in *Before You Leap: A Frog's Eye View of Life's Greatest Lessons*. It's the top title in life-changing bag of books to keep you young at heart and sharp as a tack. Check out *Field Guide to Happiness* by Dr. Barbara Ann Kipfer; *365 Dalai Lama: Daily Advice from the Heart*; *Brain Games*; *Brain Games Sudoku*; and *Doodle Yourself Smart*.

902 Purple Prairie Botanicals

Value: \$40

Donor: Purple Prairie Botanicals

Cruelty Free Purple Prairie soaps, lotions, salves & balms contain nurturing, safe & organic ingredients combined with herbal infusions & pure essential oils. You'll be ready to dig deep in your garden this season with six bars of soap and one bottle of natural bug spray, to protect yourself from gnats, biting flies and mosquitoes.

PAMPER YOURSELF (CONTINUED)

903 Coach Handbag and Wallet

Value: \$400

Donor: Nicky and Tim Nagle

This Coach Mini Tanner has a cross body strap for versatility, lightweight glove-tanned leather, with a lavish pair of tassels and a distinctive foil-stamp logo. Match it up with a coordinating Coach skinny wallet in gorgeous Black Violet for a signature look.

904 His and Her Haircuts

Value: \$85

Donor: Avant Hair & Cosmetics

Get a cutting edge look at Avant, located in the skyway level of LaSalle Plaza. You can get ready for a special event or a night on the town with two certificates for a male or female cut.

905 Silpada "Transcendent Necklace"

Value: \$379

Donor: Bill and Joan Reichwald

Infinite style is within your reach. This Italian-made, 18-inch Transcendent Necklace by Silpada is created from lightweight Sterling Silver and offers countless coordinating possibilities.

906 Couture Parasail Straw Fashion Hat

Value: \$250

Donor: Angie's Hats

Daisy Buchanan will beg to know where you got this gorgeous hand-blocked Parasail straw hat, created by St. Paul's own Angie's Hats. This custom millinery in lowertown St. Paul specializes in hand-made couture creations for weddings, parties and special occasions.

907 Into The Wild Handbag

Value: \$268

Donor: Lynette Palmgren

Stand out in the urban jungle with this stylish "Into the Wild" handbag by Kate Spade. Cobalt and chocolate create the palette for this wild leopard-inspired print, the perfect accessory for tonight's Cool Cats.

908 Faber Castell Orange Pens

Value: \$265

Donor: Janel Russell Designs

Give your signature a flourish with these high-quality Faber Castell pens, including a fountain pen and an orange ball-point.

909 Big Cat Pins

Value: \$75

Donor: Cool Jewels by Phillips

Wear a little something wild with this collections of big cat pins, perfect for storing in the accompanying six-drawer chest decorated with porcelain animal prints.

910 Red Stone Jewelry

Value: \$80

Donor: Janel Russell Designs

The color of passionate love and primal forces, red is the color of good luck in Asia. Wear it well with these ruby-colored red stone earrings surrounded with cubic zirconia.

911 Ladies Summer Accessory Package

Value: \$125

Donor: Nicky and Tim Nagle

The Vera Bradley Mini Frame Bag in Heather may be the perfect party purse, with a cute handle for dangling, and a convenient strap for cross-body accessorizing. Inside, there are three credit card slots, one slip pocket and just enough room for the evening's essentials. Pair it up with this hand painted silk scarf, lavender acrylic bracelet, and nail polish and you're ready for anything on your calendar.

912 Sterling Silver Earrings

Value: \$275

Donor: Janel Russell Designs

Duluth-based metalsmith and jewelry designer Britta Lynn Kauppila created these sterling silver earrings with inspiration from nature.

"Nature provides a wonderful example of how different value, form, line, and texture combine to produce movement, rhythm, and harmony," says Kauppila.

913 Ultimate Ears Speaker

Value: \$89

Donor: Laura Fries

Enjoy huge stereo sound from this mini boom wireless Ultimate Ears Speaker. Take your tunes anywhere the summer takes you, streaming music from any Bluetooth enabled device from up to 50 ft.--50% farther than most other Bluetooth speakers. The rechargeable lithium-ion battery pumps out up to 10 hours of party-driving beats.

PAMPER YOURSELF (CONTINUED)

914 Hydrafacial

Value: \$175

Donor: Contour Clinic

One of the best kept "secrets of the stars," the Hydrafacial is the treatment of choice for pre-event, pre-wedding, and same day glow. The benefits of the Hydrafacial are multi-fold, as it is effective in exfoliating and polishing skin to look its best. At the same time, your Hydrafacial is providing deep pore cleansing and hydration by delivering gentle acid peel compounds and peptides. Get glowing with this gift certificate at the Contour Clinic.

915 Panther Bracelet

Value: \$225

Donor: Friend of Como

Feline elegance is the inspiration behind this Kenneth Jay Lane Enamel Panther Bracelet. This hinged, 22k gold-plated bracelet features enamel inlay and Swarovski crystals at the leopard heads. Magnetic-snap clasp.

916 Everyday Tote

Value: \$84

Donor: DNA Sales

When life is a whirlwind, this everyday tote takes you any way the wind blows. Lug stacked it with all the features their fans know and love-- padded shoulder straps, hidden water bottle holder, removable coin pouch, wipeable bottom, removable key fob, and plenty of pockets and pouches for organizing. This lightweight 12" by 12.5" tote also includes a soft-lined pocket with a pull-tab and magnetic closure that's ideal for easy access to a smartphone.

917 Michel Design Works Products

Value: \$75

Donor: Tom and Jean McGough

Michel Design Works' Green Meadow captures the botanical wonders of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory with luxuriously scented hand and body lotion, foaming shea butter hand soap, and two shea butter soap bars. Also included are a coordinating kitchen towel and hand-poured soy candle.

918 Scratch off Bouquet

Value: \$20

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

Who wants to be a "thousand-aire?" Try your luck with 20 scratch-off tickets and a complimentary dime for scratching.

919 Fresh Water Pearl Set

Value: \$55

Donor: Janel Russell Designs

Pearls are thought to give wisdom through experience, bring wealth, protection and luck. Find out for sure with this necklace, earrings and bracelet set of irregular-shaped fresh water pearls.

920 Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Value: \$105

Donor: Mary Jean Sargent

You'll look forward to rainy days with these rockin' and roarin' leopard print rain boots by Ralph Lauren (women's size 7). Leopard print scarf and hand-knit cable stitch boot toppers complete your Cool Cat look.

921 Faber Castell White Pen

Value: \$150

Donor: Janel Russell Designs, Tea Leaf Gallery

Leave your mark with this fabulous white Faber Castell fountain pen. Precious resin and glossy chrome-plated elements, turn the "rhombus e-motion" into an instrument of beauty. Start using your new pen with ten tea theme handmade watercolor cards.

922 Coconut Earrings & Wood Ring

Value: \$80

Donor: Janel Russell Designs

Add a primitive look to your jewelry collection with these unique pieces. Coconut circle dangle earrings and a wooden ring with mother of pearl in sterling silver bezel. (Ring cannot be sized.)

923 Animal Pin Collection

Value: \$104

Donor: Cool Jewels by Phillips

Bumble bees and butterflies, amphibians and elephants all have a place in this 14-piece collection of animal-inspired pins. Each is a perfect conversation piece to wear for a day at Como Zoo.

924 Wood Disc Jewelry

Value: \$45

Donor: Janel Russell Designs

The earthy colors of this wood disc necklace and earrings complement any wardrobe. The accompany wooden cocktail ring is sure to collect compliments. (Ring cannot be sized.)

PAMPER YOURSELF (CONTINUED)

925 Accessorize with Friends

Value: \$227

Donor: Apricot Lane Boutique, DNA Sales, Landre Gifts, Schuler Shoes, Rocco Altobelli

Give your wardrobe a fun make-over, starting with this yellow shoulder bag from Lug and two versatile silk scarves from Landre Gifts. Schedule your shopping party for eight at Apricot Lane Boutique, which will set you up with a bottle of wine, cheese and crackers, a \$25 gift card and 20 percent off your entire purchase for you and your guests. (Excludes TOMS; may not be combined with any other offer or discount.) Get shoes to match with two \$25 gift cards to Schuler Shoes. Get more me time with a \$20 certificate to Rocco Altobelli. (One gift certificate per visit cannot be combined.)

926 Basket of Hair Care Products

Value: \$75

Donor: Friend of Como

Hey, Cool Cats, keep that mane looking healthy and manageable with this generous basket of great hair care products.

927 Silver & Bronze Pink Quartz Ring

Value: \$275

Donor: Janel Russell Designs

A gorgeous cocktail ring in silver & bronze pink quartz with black and gold topaz. (Sorry, this ring can't be sized.)

928 Ray Ban Sunglasses

Value: \$250

Donor: White Bear Eye Clinic & Optical

Lauded by jet setters and celebrities, Ray-Ban infuses high-tech performance and iconic style into trend-transcending designs. Perfect your beach-ready look with these stylish shades, complete with case and lens cleaner.

929 Lookin' Good!

Value: \$108

Donor: Avant Hair & Cosmetics, Aveda Corporation

Let the stylists at Avant give you a great new look with a gift certificate for a male or female hair cut. Keep your look growing by going home with a sampling of great Aveda products including shampoo, moisturizer, and Chakra pur-fume.

930 Kate Spade Giraffe Shopper Set

Value: \$384

Donor: Friend of Como

There's no animal more elegant than the giraffe, the inspiration behind this playful but sophisticated Kate Spade series. Keep all of your Como gear cool and collected with the Kate Spade Giraffe Shopper, with coordinating wallet, and cosmetic pouch. You'll be the envy of the African hoofstock building!

931 Therapeutic Harp and Reiki

Value: \$165

Donor: Terri Tacheny and Nancy Feintheil

The favorite harpist of Como's Primates, Terrie Tacheny will play soothing songs during this 45-50 minute Reiki Healing Session.

932 Animal Cracker Purse

Value: \$72

Donor: Wendy Armitage, Left Hand Studios

The perfect accessories for your day at the Zoo—an Animal Cracker purse and two pair of earrings.

933 Stay Youthful!

Value: \$220

Donor: Contour Clinic

BOTOX® Cosmetic treatment is a simple, non-surgical procedure that smooths the appearance of deep, persistent frown lines between your brows, forehead wrinkles, around the eyes, as well as other areas of the face and neck. Look well rested and years younger with this 20 unit treatment, with the injection specialists at Contour Clinic.

934 Collection of Earrings

Value: \$169

Donor: Gardella Jewelry LLC, R.S. Covenant

These eye-catching earrings capture the best of Como, from butterfly and bird cage motifs, to etched stones, flowers, and autumn trees. Set of five earrings from Earth Dreams, all handmade in the U.S.A. and set of six earrings from R.S. Covenant, featuring cubic zirconia and pearl.

WINE & DINE

1000 Who Doesn't Love a S'more!

Value: \$95

Donor: Mary Jean Sargent

You don't have to sleep in a tent this summer to savor summer's essential treat, the S'more. This kit includes an indoor/outdoor s'more maker and all the goodies needed to melt marshmallows, Graham crackers and chocolate. Make a party night of it with the Head's Up party game (as seen on the Ellen Degeneres show) and a Piatnik sports themed puzzle and some candy to munch on, too.

1001 The Big Spread

Value: \$400

Donor: Chipotle Mexican Grill

Throw a little party or make working through lunch a lot more fun with catering from Chipotle Mexican Grill for up to 20 people. "The Big Spread" includes three meets and fajita veggies, so your guests can create their own tacos and bowls, with the same delicious ingredients they can find at Chipotle Mexican Grill. It's easy to set up and comes with everything you need: napkins, utensils, stands, chafing dishes and fuel to keep everything hot.

1002 Max's Gift Bag

Value: \$50

Donor: Max's

Max's Minneapolis Jewelry Store stocks artisan-made chocolates just as beautiful as their jewelry and gifts. Get a taste with this calorie-dense gift basket full of artisan-made chocolates from around the world, along with a \$25 gift card to Max's.

1003 Martini-Making Kit

Value: \$135

Donor: Friend of Como

H.L. Mencken claimed that the combination of gin, vermouth, and olives are "the only American invention as perfect as the sonnet." Mix up as many martinis as you can this summer with this gift basket full of all essentials necessary to pour the elixir of quietude.

1004 Wine and Glasses from Kitchals Cellars in Napa Valley

Value: \$230

Donor: Nicky and Tim Nagle

Uncork two fine wines from Kitchals Cellars in Napa Valley—the "Vivace" Ermitage Blanc and the "Scherzo" Cabernet Rosato. Sip from this set of eight hand decorated jewel-tone wine glasses made in Italy.

1005 Mangia!

Value: \$135

Donor: Mama Maria's, Al Vento Restaurant, Chianti Grill, Carmelos Ristorante

Carbo-load with this red-sauced collection of gift cards to some of the Twin Cities best Italian eateries. Work up a good appetite with this \$20 certificate for Mama Maria's, \$25 certificate for Al Vento Restaurant, \$40 certificate for Chianti Grill, and \$50 certificate for Carmelos Ristorante.

1006 Things Go Better with this Coca-Cola Basket

Value: \$45

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

Would you like to buy the world a Coke? Then this basket of Coca-Cola's marketing memorabilia is the real thing. This collectible tin holds a two-pack of playing cards decorated with reproductions of illustrator Haddon Sundblom's images designed for the Coca Cola Company from 1931 through 1964. Also included, are six Coca-Cola glasses in a tote, and two twelve packs of the "pause that refreshes."

1007 BBQ Basket

Value: \$225

Donor: Tom and Jean McGough

Food tastes better outdoors, so get grilling this summer with this great basket of goodies for al fresco dining. This bright red beverage tub is packed with cookbooks, an apron, placemats, oven mitts, grilling planks, glasses, ketchup and mustard bottles, and more for your patio table.

1008 Meat Up!

Value: \$67

Donor: Dave Gabel, Friend of Como

Get the grill going this summer with a \$50 gift certificate to Maplewood's Angus Meat Market, good for everything from Minnesota elk to Dakota-bred Bison. Includes an Ordway Garden cutting board.

1009 Fred's Bread, LLC

Value: \$64

Donor: Fred's Bread, LLC

Enjoy artisan breads all year long with this monthly subscription to Fred's Bread in Eden Prairie. Grab one free, fresh-baked bread every month with this gift certificate.

WINE & DINE (CONTINUED)

1010 Tin Whiskers Brewing Co.

Value: \$76

Donor: Tin Whiskers Brewing Co.

Tin Whiskers is a local open source craft brewery on a mission to make technically excellent beer. Take home two 20 oz. pint glasses, one t-shirt and one baseball hat and one growler of their rapidly rotating beers.

1011 Cupcake Creations Basket

Value: \$74

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

The ultimate comfort snack, cupcakes will never go out of fashion. Bake up some beauties with this decadent basket, filled with all of your cupcake essentials. This Rattan linen-lined milk crate includes: *Cupcakes: The Complete Series* cookbook, Wilson Excelle Elite 12 cup premium non-stick muffin pan, two sets of oven-safe designer baking cups, a single cupcake to go carrier, a cupcake-shaped spoon-rest. Make them sparkle with Silver Shimmer Sprinkles, Coconut and Vanilla Sugar, and Animal and Star Sprinkles.

1012 Margaritas on the Mississippi Cruise

Value: \$116

Donor: Padelford Packet Boat Co., Inc.

After a long day at the office, relax on the river aboard The Padelford Riverboats' popular Margaritas on the Mississippi cruise. Let the tequila do its work while you take in the river's natural allure (and the Padelford's complimentary taco bar.) This certificate is good for a party of four on a Margaritas on the Mississippi cruise. Expires 9/30/2014.

1013 Potpourri of Wines

Value: \$130

Donor: Friend of Como

This unique copper beverage tub is filled with a potpourri of wines from around the world. Drink to your health, and use the tub to chill more of your favorite summertime beverages.

1014 Local Snacks

Value: \$60

Donor: Droolin Moose, Peterson Popcorn

Bloomington-based Droolin Moose creates gourmet treats to keep your tongue wagging. Enjoy this basket of malted milk boulders and a cup of Squirrel Bait. Nosh on Peterson Popcorn's 3.5 gallon gift pack of delicious Peterson "ChicagoStyle" popcorn. New research says it's packed with antioxidants, so help yourself to seconds!

1015 Acqua Restaurant and Bar

Value: \$160

Donor: Acqua Restaurant and Bar

With locations on the western shore of White Bear Lake and the northern shore of Forest Lake, Acqua offers a warm dining experience with gorgeous lakeside views and unique Italian dishes. Enjoy a three-course tasting menu for four guests at the location of your choice. (Does not include beverages, tax or gratuity.)

1016 Pasta Lover's Package

Value: \$65

Donor: Michelle Furrer

Cook up some cute animal-shaped pasta in this Bialetti 5-qt pasta stock pot with lid. Simmer up the sauce in this coordinating sauté pan.

1017 Meet a "Lonely Blonde"

Value: \$58

Donor: Fulton Beer

A home-brewing experiment born in a South Minneapolis garage has grown into a serious microbrewery with a tap room open for tours. Sample their wares with this Fulton gift pack complete with t-shirt, bottle opener, one empty growler and a certificate to fill it, two pint glasses, and one pint token for a taproom taste of beers like "Lonely Blonde" and "Sweet Child of Vine."

1018 Best of the Twin Cities

Value: \$317

Donor: Bibelot Shops, Kowalski's Grand Market, Blue Plate Restaurant Co., Fat Lorenzo's, Nye's Polonaise Room, Kyatchi, Hans' Bakery, Mpls. St.Paul Magazine, Lions Tap Family Restaurant, Key's Café & Bakery, Café Latte

Keep current on all the coolest hipster hang-outs with a one-year subscription to Mpls/St. Paul Magazine, then dive deep into great neighborhoods with gift cards to Grand Avenue's Kowalksi's Market (\$25), Blue Plate restaurants like the Groveland Tap and Scusi (\$25), Fat Lorenzo's (\$50), Nye's Polonaise Room (\$50), Kyatchi (\$40), Lions Tap Family Restaurant (\$10), Key's Café & Bakery (\$15), Café Latte certificate for one whole dessert and a gift certificate (\$25) and t-shirt from Hans' Bakery. Also included, a Somebody Loves You in St. Paul sock monkey and Love You journal from our friends at Bibelot Shops.

WINE & DINE (CONTINUED)

1019 Gin and Tonic Basket

Value: \$165

Donor: Nicky and Tim Nagle

Stir up the essential summer drink, the G and T, with this gift basket with all the goods: a 1.75 liter bottle of Bombay Sapphire Dry Gin, four Cat Studio 15 oz. glass Minneapolis-St. Paul glasses, Cat Studio dish towel, napkins and an OXO Stainless ice bucket.

1020 Date Night

Value: \$205

Donor: Bar Louie Minnetonka, Fabulous Ferns, Sparks Restaurant, Haskell's The Wine People, Hubbell House Restaurant, Rice Paper Restaurant

Break out of your usual date night routine with these gift certificates to great local eateries a little off your beaten path. Includes two gift cards to Bar Louie in Uptown and Minnetonka (\$50), Fabulous Fern in St. Paul (\$30), Rice Paper in Edina (\$30), Sparks Restaurant in Minneapolis's Bryn Mawr neighborhood (\$25), and the Hubbell House Restaurant in Mantorville (\$40). Also included is a one-year memberships in Bacchus - The Minnesota Wine Society. Bidders must be 21 years of age or older.

1021 Margaritas on the Beach

Value: \$110

Donor: Jewelie Grape

Shake up your next beach party with this Margarita gift basket—a portable copper tub complete with tequila, margarita ball mix, and a set of margarita glasses. Roll out your beach towel, and you've got an instant party.

1022 Reserve Wine Tasting for Four

Value: \$78

Donor: Cannon River Winery, Haskell's The Wine People

Taste and savor a sampling of Cannon River Winery's award-winning wines in their beautifully restored winery in historic downtown Cannon Falls. The perfect destination for a fall drive, a trip to the nearby vineyard with its 19th century timber frame barn completes the picturesque setting. Also included, a one-year memberships in Bacchus - The Minnesota Wine Society. Bidders must be 21 years of age or older.

1023 Wing Ding Basket

Value: \$60

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

Make up a batch of chicken wings this barbecue season. With a sampling of sauces and a side dish from a Celebrity Chef, you have an instant party! This basket includes, *Celebrity Chefs Cookbook*, *The Great Wings Book*, Saucepan and Silicon Basting Brush, Stonewall Kitchen Maple Chipotle Grille Sauce, Stonewall Kitchen Roasted Peach Whiskey Sauce, Original Anchor Bar Buffalo Wing Sauce, and a Natural Origins Basket.

1024 Columbia Winery Chardonnay

Value: \$140

Donor: Chicago Lake Liquors

On the same latitude as Europe's great wine-growing regions, Washington State's Columbia Winery's have been producing a portfolio of distinct, food-friendly wines with fruit-driven flavors and a firm acidity for more than forty years. Enjoy a case of distinctly Northwest Chardonnay with bright aromas of pear, apple and hints of tropical fruits that extend to the palate.

1025 Brunch or Lunch

Value: \$198

Donor: Red Stag Supper Club, Daily Diner, Bryant Lake Bowl, Barbette, Key's Café, Q'Cumbers

Get away in the middle of the day with this great assortment of gift certificates to restaurants that really cater to the lunch and brunch crowd. Enjoy a weekday brunch at Barbette (\$40), breakfast at Key's (\$25), breakfast at Daily Diner (\$25), and a gift card toward weekday breakfast, lunch and bowling at Bryant Lake Bowl (\$40). Also included is a lunch or brunch gift card to the Red Stag Supper Club (\$40), and two gift certificates for complimentary meals at Q. Cumbers.

1026 Conservation-Minded Coffee Break

Value: \$95

Donor: Velasquez Family Coffee

Guillermo and Cathy Velasquez created Velasquez Family Coffee to sell the high quality coffee their family and friends grow in the mountains of Honduras. Committed to shade-grown, hand-picked, fair trade practices, Velasquez Family Coffee supports and protects the precious cloud forest ecosystem where they farm.

WINE & DINE (CONTINUED)

1027 Around the World

Value: \$275

Donor: Rinata Restaurant, Everest on Grand, Gandhi Mahal, Christos Greek Restaurant, Ichiban Japanese Steak House & Sushi Bar, It's Greek to Me Restaurant, Nye's Polonaise Room

Set off for an adventure in global cuisine with these gift certificates to some great ethnic dining experiences, sampling sushi and sashimi at Ichiban Japanese Steak House & Sushi Bar (\$40 gift certificate valid Sunday through Thursday), pierogies at Nye's Polonaise Room (\$50 gift certificate), gyros at Christos Greek Restaurant (\$50), spanakopita at It's Greek to Me Restaurant (\$60), calamari at Rinata Restaurant (\$25), tandoor dishes at Gandhi Mahal (\$25), and memorable momo at Everest on Grand (\$25).

1028 Norseman Distillery Tour

Value: \$100

Donor: Norseman Distillery

Norseman Distillery, the first micro-distillery in Minneapolis, uses the very best local ingredients to produce small batches of exceptionally fine spirits. From their micro-distillery in northeast Minneapolis, they hand craft each batch with the hopes of inspiring legendary cheer in those who drink it. Take a tour of Norseman's distillery with this gift card for four, two t-shirts and a bottle of Norseman's small batch vodka.

1029 Italian Pasta Basket

Value: \$225

Donor: Tom and Jean McGough

Mangia with all you need to stir up a family-style Italian dinner just like Mamma made it. This basket includes an Olivia ceramic 5-piece pasta serving set, apron, Lucini Italia extra virgin olive oil, kitchen towels, genuine Italian pasta, assorted kitchen gadgets, a wood carved decorative chef and much more! Buon Appetito!

1030 Vineyard Tour and Private Tasting

Value: \$200

Donor: Saint Croix Vineyards

One of Minnesota's best known wineries, Saint Croix Vineyards is home to the intense, oak-aged Frontenac to the La Crescent Dessert Wine. Savor the fruits of their cold climate vines with a private tasting for 10 guests, including a (weather-permitting) tour of the vineyards and facilities. (Event must be scheduled in advance, subject to availability.)

1031 Caffeinated Cool Cat Basket

Value: \$50

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

With your two pack heated travel mugs, you and your honey will be ready for any weather Minnesota may bring. Feel good about what you are drinking with CITY KID JAVA—a brew that kicks back to kids in the Twin Cities. (Support TWO causes with this item: Como and kids!)

1032 Bread for a Year

Value: \$84

Donor: Breadsmith

Enjoy a dozen European-style hearth baked breads, baked fresh from scratch daily with only the finest ingredients. Package includes 12 free loaves, each with a maximum value of \$6.75. One loaf per visit.

1033 European Wines

Value: \$110

Donor: Friend of Como

You won't need a passport to savor the bounty of Europe's ancient vineyards with this sampling of red and white wines from Italy, Spain, and France!

1034 Chill the White Wine

Value: \$135

Donor: Friend of Como

Time for some cool relaxation with an excellent selection of white wines from California, New Zealand, and Spain. Includes a cutting board and accessories for a chill night.

1035 Tea For You

Value: \$25

Donor: Sherry Fonseth-Lais

Rediscover the relaxing ritual of tea time with this hand-crafted decoupage tea storage box filled with Spicy Ginger and Organic Chai teas. A tea ball for steeping loose leaf teas is also included.

1036 Calling Red Wine Lovers!

Value: \$115

Donor: Friend of Como

Loaded with anti-oxidants, regular doses of red wine may have medicine value. Find out with this distinct selection of reds from around the world. Napkin box and wine bottle stopper included.

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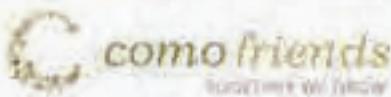
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