

Something for Everyone at 11th Annual Benefit Auction

Proceeds benefit United Way of Mercer County and Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce

GREENVILLE, PA – April 26, 2010 – For the eleventh time, the United Way of Mercer County and the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce will jointly host a Benefit Auction on Friday, May 7, 2010, at the Howard Miller Center at Thiel College in Greenville. All proceeds benefit the two host organizations.

“Each year continues to outdo itself in terms of unique auction items, fabulous food and great conversations! This is an event that allows all in attendance to have a wonderful time as well as support two worthy community causes at the same time!” said Roberta Leonard, Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce President. “I strongly encourage you to attend and experience this fun event!”

“Our business communities and the residents have certainly supported the event this year in terms of donations, reservations and enthusiasm. We are anxious to have a successful evening in which we can support the greatest needs in the local area with the money raised,” added Jim Micsky, United Way of Mercer County Executive Director.

A large assortment of auction items is featured for bids in several auction formats – live, silent, and Chinese. Over 100 items will be featured in the silent and Chinese auctions, including Pittsburgh Pirates tickets, golf packages, weekend getaways, zoo passes, a Keurig Home Brewing System, jewelry, wine baskets, gourmet food baskets, and more.

Among the many items featured in the live auction are:

1. Kalahari Resort Packages
2. Apple iPad
3. Anderson Coach & Travel Excursions
4. Sporting Event Tickets – including Pittsburgh Steelers tickets
5. Boston Getaway Package
6. Kindle
7. Fresh Lobster Dinner for four flown in from Maine
8. Michigan Home Weekend Getaway
9. Escape to a home at Lake Latonka
10. Two passes for the entire week at the 2010 Women’s US Open at Oakmont Country Club
11. Much, much more!

Of special interest is the auctioning of a fashionable designer handbag that has been passed around to collect monetary donations. The bag with its unknown quantity of money will then be auctioned off.

Thiel College has developed a delicious menu for the evening, including:

- An assortment of Mediterranean Tapas style foods

- Assorted styles of Hummus
- Lamb Koftas
- Balsamic Marinated & Grilled Cold Vegetable Display
- A Mongolian Hot Pot Station -- A colorful assortment of fresh lightly blanched vegetables, that you choose along with shrimp and scallops that are cooked in front of you in a Hot Wok full of spice and rich flavor
- Sticky Glazed Pork Ribs
- Sushi Bar -- Made fresh in front of you
- Argentinean-Style Beef with Chimichurri Sauce
- American Chicken Remake Skewer
- Buildable Seafood Bloody Mary Shooter Bar- An Ice Bar that has a lounge in the block of ice to chill your drink.

The Dessert Bar also promises to be a treat with:

- Petite Fruit Flan Tart
- Chocolate Carmel Kahlua shooter cup
- Chocolate Covered Strawberries
- Pot de' Crème'

This popular community event that benefits the United Way of Mercer County and the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce. Individual tickets and tables of eight tickets can be purchased by calling either the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce at 724-588-7150 or the United Way of Mercer County at 724-981-1884. Limited tickets are available, so early reservations are strongly encouraged. Help celebrate Living United in our community by attending this year's eleventh annual event.