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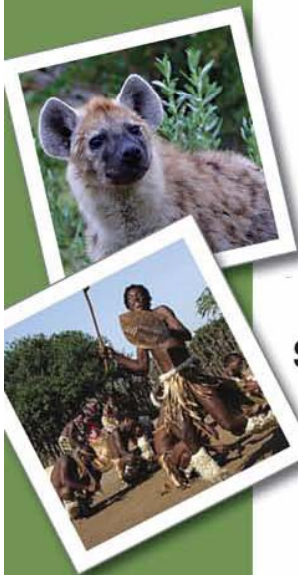
to benefit

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Friday, March 12 – The Inn at Woodstock Hill

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Silent auction featuring South African safari resort for two and other fabulous items!



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“The value of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group can’t be underestimated. Each of us benefit from learning more about the resources available to Grandfamilies on fixed incomes, as well as having an opportunity to share experiences and learn new parenting skills.

“But it is the bond of friendship and support that makes the program truly priceless, as we discover that we’re not alone and that there are others who can understand both the joys and the challenges of raising grandchildren later in life.”

“The Support Group is no less important for the children themselves. Although each session provides the gathered grandparents with a needed reprieve, the children too have a chance to interact in fun, facilitated sessions that provide them a chance to share their own unique experiences of being raised by their grandparents.”

~ Valerie Timmins, a regular participant of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program



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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

United Services started the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program to provide support and to help grandparents who were raising their grandchildren due to unforeseen circumstances.

We saw the need to assist local grandparents in dealing with the isolation, challenges and frustrations of parenting at a later stage in their lives.

The groups currently meet for evening sessions once a month in both Killingly and Willimantic. In addition to providing much-needed social support, informational topics are discussed in the groups. These have included: parenting issues, self esteem, grief and loss, child development and legal issues. While the grandparents are attending the group, the grandchildren are engaged in activities with childcare providers geared to help the children feel better about themselves and develop peer relationships that help to normalize their situation.

Many of the participants have called the Group their “lifeline.”

*“These are unsung heroes. They do this out of unconditional love.
They don’t want their grandchildren going to foster care.
They’ll be there for them until the end of time.”*

- Martha Harrison, Manager, United Services Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

~Thank you for joining us for an evening of fun that is for a
wonderful group of caring families ~

For more information about the program, please contact
Martha Harrison at 860-564-6100

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Irish Night Program

6 pm to 7 pm - Cocktail Hour

GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO PERUSE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
LOCATED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM WING OF THE INN.

WINE BASKET AND 50/50 CASH RAFFLE TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

7 pm- Guests are Seated

Welcome: "Brother John the Preacher's Son"
Duvall of 
Master of Ceremonies

Dinner is Served

Monty McClanahan performs Irish music

~Intermission~

Raffle Drawings

8:15 pm Green Section Auction Items to Close

8:30 pm Gold Section Auction Items to Close

Sing-a-long with Monty McClanahan

Silent Auction winners announced

AS THE EVENING ENDS, SILENT AUCTION WINNERS RETURN TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM
TO PAY AND COLLECT THEIR WINNINGS

Master Card, Visa, Check and Cash are accepted

*The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program is made possible thanks to each of you,
all our sponsors and the Generosity of the SBM Charitable Foundation*



SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

GOLD SECTION

(Auction closes at 8:30pm)



A-1 Zulu Nyala, 6 day 6 Night South African Resort Safari

Description: You and your guest will enjoy 6 days and 6 nights of luxury accommodations at Zulu Nyala. This safari lodge is situated in the heart of Zululand and St. Lucia/Sodwana Bay Marine reserve in the Lubombo corridor - one of the richest wildlife conservation regions in Africa. Package includes three delicious, African-inspired meals per day, prepared by the finest international chefs. You will also enjoy two guided game viewing activities daily. Airfare not included. Larger groups accommodated at discount rates. Please see the FAQs at the Auction for pricing of additional guests and visit <http://www.zulunyala.com> for more information.

Donated by: Trevor Shaw, Owner Zulu Nyala

Value: \$3,950

Suggested starting bid: \$750.00



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GOLD SECTION

(Auction closes at 8:30pm)



A-2 5-Day Bed & Breakfast Vacation in The Netherlands

Description: You and your guest will enjoy a 5 day, 5 night stay at the Hotel Abbekerk, located in Apeldoorn, 60 miles from Amsterdam. <http://www.hotelabbekerk.nl/>

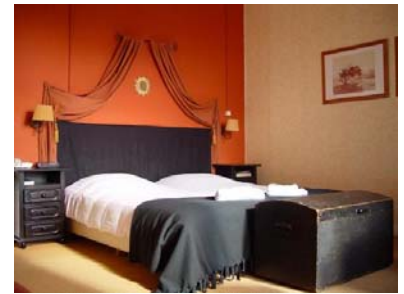
“The Hotel Abbekerk was a clean and comfortable place for my family to stay during our recent (Aug '09) weekend visit to Apeldoorn. Our room was nicely furnished and the bathroom very modern and clean. Owners are nice and welcoming, and a good continental breakfast was included. The hotel is only a 10 minute walk to the city center.”
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g188567-d620936-Reviews-Hotel_Abbekerk-Apeldoorn_Gelderland.html

INCLUDED: Up to \$2000 in airfare (Boston to Amsterdam) and train transfer expenses (Amsterdam to Apeldoorn.) Travel arrangements through Horizon Travel in Putnam. Travel dates are limited and require early reservations. A weekend stay is required.

Donated by: The Inn at Woodstock Hill

Value: \$3,500

Suggested starting bid: \$750.00



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(Auction closes at 8:30pm)

A-3 & A-4 Tickets to the Boston Red Sox

Description: WB Mason has generously donated Grandstand tickets to see the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park.

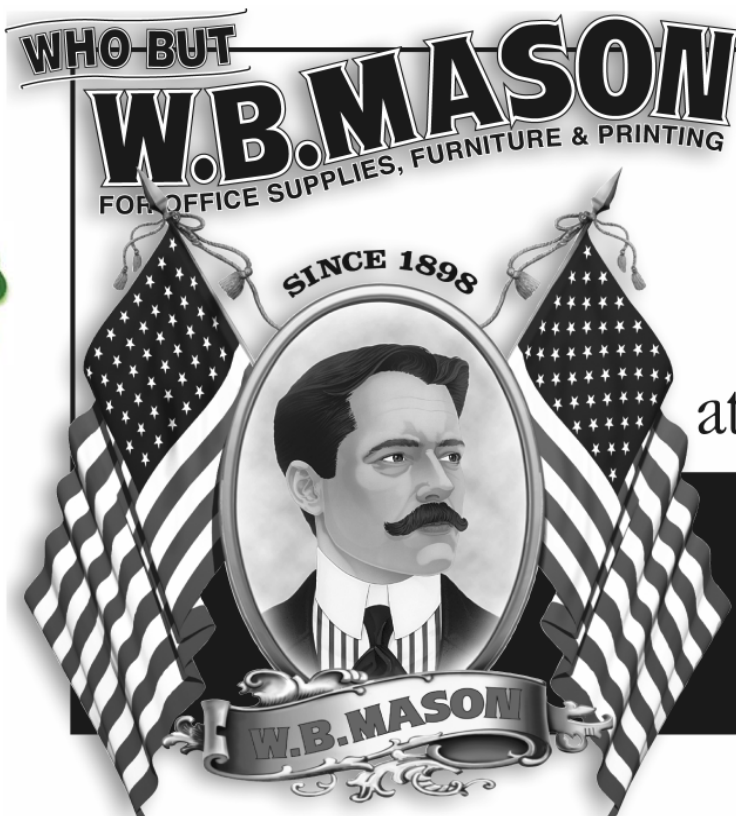


TWO Packages of Two tickets available for bid!

A selection of games for you to choose from will be available in the coming weeks. Game choices will include a variety of teams, day games, night games and weekend games to provide an adequate selection of the winning bidder.

Face value: **\$50/ticket** True value: **Priceless**

Suggested starting bid: **\$100 for each two ticket package**



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GOLD SECTION

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A-5 2009-2010 Boston Celtics Team Autographed Special Edition Basketball

Personally autographed by 14 members of the Celtics including the “Big Three” – **Paul Pierce**, former **CT Huskie Ray Allen** and **Kevin Garnett** - as well as Rajon Rondo, Rasheed Wallace, Kendrick Perkins, Glen Davis, Tony Allen, Bill Walker, Marquis Daniels, Shelden Williams, J.R. Giddens and Eddie House.

*2008 Celtics Autographed Team Basketballs including signatures from the “Big Three” are selling online from between **\$1,000 and \$1,500**. Don't miss this opportunity to obtain a piece of Celtics Sports History!*



Value: **Priceless** Suggested starting bid: **\$300**



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A-6 Kramer Masterpiece Portrait, personally photographed by Steven Kramer.

20 x 16 inch Portrait on Canvas with artist hand-detailing using brush strokes of oils and acrylics.

Kramer Portraits has created methods of enhancing photographic images with hand applied artistic touches, resulting in timeless portraits indistinguishable from free hand oil paintings costing tens of thousands of dollars.



About the Artist: Steven Kramer believes that a true portrait should have a timelessness and grace that will transcend through the generations of the families who are depicted in them. He has been photographing professionally for over 25 years bringing that experience and skill to each portrait he photographs. Steven's portraits have been sources of inspiration for others, and his unmistakable style is often imitated, yet few others have achieved the level of acclaim as he. He holds both the Master of Photography and Craftsman of Photography degrees with the Professional Photographers of America. In addition, Steven has been recognized by his peers with the Kodak Gallery Award and is a member of the Presidential Circle of Photographers with Burrell labs, a distinction held by less than 100 photographers in the country.

NOTE: Sittings available only at Kramer Portrait New York City Madison Avenue Studio on the following dates: in 2010: March 20, 21; April 10, 11; May 15, 16, June 19, 20; July 17, 18, August 14, 15; September 25, 26, October 16, 17, November 13, 14; December 11, 12.

Value: **\$5,000** Suggested starting bid: **\$500**



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Auction closes at 8:15 pm

See Auction Items for Full Descriptions

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item Description</u>
B-1	Ron Robinson	Mystic River Sailing Cruise
B-2	Ben Lombardi	Ben's Orchard Gift Basket
B-3	Barbara Presson	Brunch for Six in Willimantic "Painted Lady" Victorian Home
B-4	Sawmill Pottery	Pottery Bowl
B-5	Nathan Hale Inn UConn Huskies	Overnight Stay at the Nathan Hale Inn PLUS - Autographed Huskies Football Poster
B-6 & B-7	Inn at Woodstock Hill	Overnight Stay & Bottle of Wine (2 available)



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B-8	Hampton Inn, Bradley Airport	Overnight Stay & Beauty Products
B-9	Vineyard Valley Golf Course & Barbie Soler	9 Holes of Golf for Two, plus Golf Magazine "Best Instruction Book Ever!"
B-10	Shear Reflections	Beauty Basket
B-11	Josh Longiaru	Rack O' Wine
B-12	Boston Red Sox & Barbie Soler	Autographed Clay Buchholz Baseball plus "The Gospel According to ESPN"
B-13	Someplace Special & Victoria's Station	Dinner & Dessert Gift Certificates
B-14	See Auction Item	Brooklyn/Plainfield "Dine Around Town"

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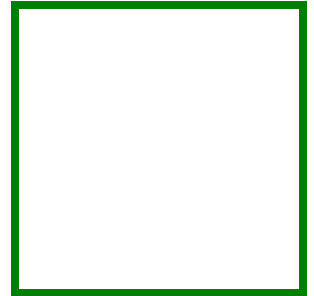
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B-15	See Auction Item	Dayville/Putnam “Dine Around Town”
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B-17	See Auction Item	NE Connecticut “Dine Around Town”
B-18	See Auction Item	Garden Collection
B-19	See Auction Item	A Day of Pampering
B-20	Providence Bruins	8 P-Bruins Tickets & Signed Memorabilia
B-21	Spirit of Broadway	A Night Out
B-22	Deanna Costa	Gently Used Vera Bradley Purse Set
B-23	Deanna Costa	Gently Used Vera Bradley Purse Set (Burgundy)
B-24	Deanna Costa	Gently Used Vera Bradley Purse Set (Black)
B-25	Jim Clark & Carol Kent	Hand-tooled Sterling Silver Earrings
B-26	Barbie Soler	Framed Disney Prints (set of four)
B-27	Wonderland Books & Shear Reflections	Children’s Gift Set
B-28	Kidz Cornr	Girl’s Basket – Assorted Girl’s Toys
B-29	Kidz Cornr	Boys Basket – Assorted Boy’s Toys
B-30	Kidz Cornr	Hannah Montana Doll
B-31	New England Patriots	Autographed Ben Watson Picture package
B-32	Barbie Soler	Avon Gift Basket

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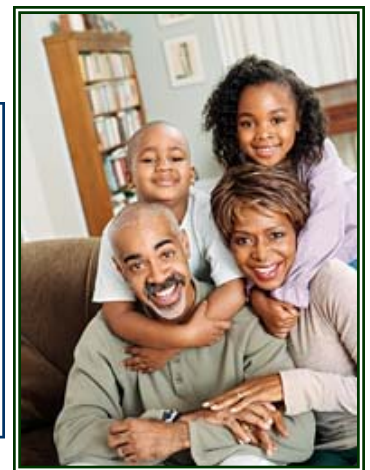
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