

AUCTION CONTRIBUTION FORM

For items donated to The Vittoria & District Foundation's Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

1. Do you need a tax receipt? WE WILL ONLY ISSUE A TAX RECEIPT IF YOU CHECK THE YES BOX!

YES

NO

We want you to be aware that the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has produced some updated restrictive Guidelines for all charities to follow when fundraising. This may have an effect on how our future receipts will be issued. In fact, it could virtually gut our fundraising activities. On July 30, 2010 I sent the CRA a letter on V&DF stationery, requesting clarification and a ruling, which indicates their justification for those Guidelines which may impact on our receipting procedures, but 3 months later I have not received a reply. If you have purchased an item to donate to our fundraiser, we recommend you retain a copy of the original receipt with your other tax receipts, in case the CRA ever comes calling. The CRA Guidelines further propose that you should not get a receipt for your services in creating art, or baking, or woodworking, etc., just the raw materials. It appears your skill and the equipment you need to create the item seem valueless in the view of the CRA under this Guideline. This is one of the Guidelines on which I have requested clarification from the CRA. In my humble opinion, if you donate any item that sells for \$200, you should be receipted for \$200. Period. That is the way we have always calculated our receipts, based on the premise that "market value is determined by a willing seller selling to a willing buyer", which, by the way is also a premise in the CRA Guidelines. We are working to get the CRA to agree to our "Common Sense" approach to receipting.

2. For items that our Auction committee places in the Live or Silent Auction, the actual price paid by the highest bidder is the value we traditionally have used for the receipt.
3. For items that our Auction committee places in the Raffle, Toonie or Door Prize draws, we have traditionally estimated the market value so the receipt may be completed fairly. You can help us if, for each item you donate, you would please indicate your estimate of the realistic market value. We believe that you all have been fair in providing reasonable estimates when asked in the past.
4. Almost everyone is aware and understands that there is not sufficient time for every item that is contributed, to go into the Live Auction. THE ULTIMATE DECISION OF WHETHER A PARTICULAR ITEM GOES INTO THE LIVE OR SILENT AUCTION OR THE RAFFLE, TOONIE DRAW OR DOOR PRIZE IS MADE BY A SMALL COMMITTEE OF THE AUCTION EXECUTIVE. Usually, any contribution that is truly unique and has significant value will be placed in either the Live or Silent Auction by the Auction committee. Any contributor unwilling to abide by the decision of the Auction committee, may prefer to not contribute any items.
5. Still, the Raffle, Toonie Draw and Door prizes are very important to the overall success of our Fundraiser so we are always glad to have a wide variety of good items for those draws. (I personally request that virtually all items my wife and I contribute should be used as Raffle, Toonie or Door prizes, and we have done so for several years).
6. If you wish to SUGGEST where your article is placed, please indicate that on this form. Sometimes we will have an item contributed that we cannot tell from the description exactly what it is, or where it should be placed. Item 4 above is in effect at all times.
7. Our fundraising Dinner and Auction is a huge job, requiring hundreds and hundreds of hours to produce. Each year we have approximately 80 volunteers who help in one way or another, some putting in many, many hours. Every contributor, buyer, bidder, and volunteer is appreciated and needed to make our event a success.
8. If you are planning to contribute one or more items for the 2011 Auction, it would be really helpful if you would assist us by filling out the reverse side of this form, and sending it to The Vittoria & District Foundation, P.O. Box 45, Vittoria, Ontario N0E 1W0.
9. Thank you for assisting us in this way. The Spaghetti Dinner & Auction has been an incredibly successful activity, proving food, fun, fellowship, and tons of entertainment. We look forward, with everyone's help, to many more successful Spaghetti Dinner & Auction events.
10. The Vittoria & District Foundation will continue to advocate for common sense, but at this point, I cannot say how successful we will be. We sincerely hope that all of our contributors will continue to support us generously as they have in the past, and we look forward to serving the Community for years to come.

Roger Cruickshank
Secretary,
The Vittoria & District Foundation

