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HeartLink
gala

Your preview of this year's live and silent auction items.

October 2, 2009 — Hilton Minneapolis



An evening to benefit



Children's HeartLink
HEALING HEARTS WORLDWIDE

Join us for a celebration of lives saved, communities supported
and bridges built between nations united in a common cause:
the heart of a child.



We invite you to a sneak peek of this year's live and silent auction items for the 2009 HeartLink Gala. Be a part of our life-saving work around the world.

Most of the experiences are designed to be shared with a group, so they are perfect to split among friends or colleagues. Bid alone. Bid with a group. But bid generously.

THE 2009 HEARTLINK GALA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

6 P.M. COCKTAIL RECEPTION—8 P.M. DINNER

HILTON MINNEAPOLIS

HOST

Mark Rosen, WCCO TV Sports Director, KFAN Radio Host and Children's HeartLink Board Member

GUEST OF HONOR

Winnie Wanja Njue, age 32, recipient of life-saving operation in 1992.

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

The JUGHEADS Youth Juggling Company, Maeve Moynihan and The Unity Singers

Children's HeartLink builds sustainable programs to prevent, treat and cure heart disease among needy children in developing countries by mobilizing extraordinary hearts, minds and resources around the world.

It's our mission, purpose and goal to save and maintain the hearts and health of children who need our help. Your incredible generosity gives hope to countless children and their families. Know that you're making a difference.

LIVE AUCTION

We've circled the globe to find exciting adventures. You can assist our medical team in India, or play baseball with the Twins. Stay in a beautiful house in Tuscany, or get the children in your life a playhouse of their own. This list goes on! It is an honor to be able to offer these experiences to you. We have no doubt that you will be inspired and find them incredibly rewarding. But prepare yourself - the competition can be fierce, and the auctioneer doesn't look back.

- ♣ An adventure awaits in Argentina.
- ♣ See your gift at work firsthand in India.
- ♣ Escape to Steamboat, Colorado.
- ♣ Get up close with the Minnesota Twins.
- ♣ Live like a Tuscan.
- ♣ Add a playhouse to your house.
- ♣ Watch the Vikings take on the Packers in seats you can't beat.

CULINARY SILENT AUCTION

This year we're providing a sneak peek of our Culinary Silent Auction. Each culinary experience will be displayed to give you a taste of the fun in store if you bid. Walk around, mingle and ask questions. With so many options, you'll want to make sure you find the perfect retreat for your palate.

- ♣ Make history with Jameson Whiskey.
- ♣ Make seasonal specialties with Lucia Watson.
- ♣ A toast to health and happiness.
- ♣ Host the ultimate Super Bowl party.
- ♣ Haute cuisine in your own home.
- ♣ Baker's delight workshops.
- ♣ Do you CRAVE sushi?
- ♣ Steak and wine your way.
- ♣ Getaway to fun in the sun.
- ♣ Tour de Farm.

BOARD RESERVE WINE RAFFLE

The Children's HeartLink board reserve wine raffle is back! A \$25 ticket will give you the opportunity to win more than 50 bottles of wine, hand chosen and donated by the Children's HeartLink board of directors. With a note card attached to each bottle sharing heartfelt stories of their connection to the wine or Children's HeartLink, this collection is sure to deliver many memorable experiences.



AN ADVENTURE AWAITS IN ARGENTINA.

Truly a trip of a lifetime – this nine-day vacation will introduce you and a guest to three of the most spectacular cities in Argentina. The adventure begins with a two-night stay at the LoiSuites Recoleta Hotel in Buenos Aires. Enjoy Buenos Aires most vibrant cultural statement...tango – with dinner and a tango show. From Buenos Aires you and a guest will fly 800 miles to southern Patagonia to stay at the Chapelco Golf and Resort in San Marin de los Andes. The Chapelco Golf and Resort is home to Jack Nicklaus and Jack Nicklaus II's only masterpiece in South America and will thrill and enchant players at any level. Also included is a guided fly-fishing excursion on the Quilquihue River. Next, travel to the middle of a subtropical jungle with a three-night stay at the LoiSuites Hotel Iguazu. Just fifteen minutes from the breathtaking Iguazu Falls, the hotel has access to river Iguazu from its private deck.

Donors: Jorge Taylor, LoiSuites Hotels, Chapelco Golf & Resort and Delta Air Lines



SEE YOUR GIFT AT WORK FIRSTHAND IN INDIA.

Meet the children and families of hearts we heal, while working side by side with the dedicated medical team from Lucile Packard Children's Hospital on a global experience to Hyderabad, India. See what it is like to provide help where it really matters by visiting a Children's HeartLink partner site. Journey through the entire process from screening children, team meetings, watching pediatric cardiac operations, to holding a child's hand in the intensive care unit after their heart is repaired.

You'll gain a better understanding of how your gift has made a difference and given hope to many families. In addition to the medical mission, you'll get a taste of the city and its world-famous cuisine. Hotel and airfare for two included.

Donors: Delta Air Lines and Children's HeartLink



Live Auction



ESCAPE TO STEAMBOAT, COLORADO.

While the kids are heading back to school, escape with three guests to Steamboat, Colorado in September and prolong summer! Nestled at the base of Mt. Werner, enjoy up to seven nights of luxurious accommodations at the Christie Club in a spacious four-bedroom and four-bath residence. Great outdoor activities right outside your door. Enjoy a private wine and cheese tasting offered by Vino & Vidalia Market. Round-trip airfare to Denver is included (additional transportation to Steamboat, Colorado not included).

Donors: Jim Jacobson, Andrea Kaufman and Delta Air Lines



WATCH THE VIKINGS TAKE ON THE PACKERS IN SEATS YOU CAN'T BEAT.

Be a part of the action on Monday, October 5 when Brett Favre confronts his former team, the Green Bay Packers, in a Minnesota Viking's uniform. Tensions will run high as the Vikings and Packers face off for a historic battle during Monday Night Football. You won't miss a second of the game as you and a guest sit on the 45-yard line in the 7th row. Enjoy a pre-game dinner at Manny's for two.

Donors: Value Travel Inc.



ADD A PLAYHOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE.

Watch your child's imaginations take off as they become little home owners. The perfect inspiration for creativity, a playhouse allows them to create a world all their own. A childhood full of memories for your children will help support life-saving surgeries for children with congenital heart disease worldwide.

Donors: Bob Carlson / Jyland Distinctive Homes



Live Auction



LIVE LIKE A TUSCAN.

Experience one of Italy's most timeless destinations – Tuscany – like you live there. Stay at a beautiful two-bedroom and two-bath rustic home in a private valley in the hills with antique furnishings and a fireplace. Take a short walk to a scenic waterfall. Later, be lulled to sleep by the serene sound of a bubbling brook as it flows beneath the house from the hills above. This trip for four includes a seven-night stay at the quaint Mulino Guest House, an afternoon cooking class with local Tuscan specialties and round-trip airfare to Pisa or Florence.

Donors: Doris Fortino and Delta Air Lines



GET UP CLOSE WITH THE MINNESOTA TWINS.

Kick off the baseball season early this year by joining former legendary baseball stars at All Star Fantasy Baseball Camp in Fort Myers, Florida, at the spring training home of the Minnesota Twins. You and a guest will experience training camp firsthand and play with Hall of Famers. Airfare, hotel accommodations, some meals, Major League uniforms, and a poolside cigar and autograph party included.

In the spring, watch your kids dreams come true as they attend Batting Buddies and meet Minnesota's baseball stars Justin Morneau, Joe Mauer, Nick Punto and more! Four 2010 regular season tickets and merchandise included.

The 2010 Minnesota Twins All-Star Baseball Fantasy Camp is scheduled to take place Saturday, January 9 – Sunday, January 17, 2010. Children ages five to 18 years-old are eligible to participate in Batting Buddies.

Donors: Minnesota Twins and Delta Air Lines



Live Auction



MAKE HISTORY WITH JAMESON WHISKEY.

Celebrate the spirit of the Irish with one of their national treasures – triple distilled Jameson Whiskey. Invite 24 of your favorite lads and lasses to The Local, the largest distributor of Jameson Whiskey worldwide. The Local will provide a private party space and hors d'oeuvres while Liam Scott, a man who is passionate about his whiskey, will teach you about several different Jameson reserves. As you sip whiskey, your senses will awaken to the historical sophistication and well-balanced finish of Jameson.

Donors: Liam Scott, The Local



MAKE SEASONAL SPECIALTIES WITH LUCIA WATSON.

For over twenty years, Chef Lucia Watson, owner of Lucia's Restaurant, has worked closely with local farmers and suppliers to serve the best local food Minnesota has to offer. In one evening, she will download her knowledge to you and five guests so you can learn the secrets of the seasons. Based on her cookbook, *Savoring the Seasons*, this hands-on cooking demonstration will open your eyes to the best local ingredients.

Donors: Lucia's Restaurant, Florisma



A TOAST TO HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Join celebrated health-food chef and recipe developer Robin Asbell for a private in-home dinner for you and nine friends. This hands-on interactive cooking demonstration will enliven your taste buds, and the nutritious menu will feed your soul. The meal will be based off Robin's books: *The New Whole Grains Cookbook* and her upcoming release *New Vegetarian*. You and your guests will receive both, plus a new outlook on healthy approaches to cooking.

Donors: Robin Asbell, Chronicle Books, Whole Foods, Mahady Creative Services, David Hyttsten - Classics by David





HOST THE ULTIMATE SUPER BOWL PARTY.

Can't make it to Miami for Super Bowl XLIV? No problem. Invite the gang over to your house to watch the action, commercials and half-time show on your new 55-inch Toshiba LCD HDTV. Partake in some friendly competition with several Super Bowl games – autographed footballs by the 2009 Gopher's team included as prizes. Relax on Super Bowl Sunday with nineteen friends and enjoy catering from Buffalo Wild Wings, snacks from Old Dutch and a selection of beer and sodas from Sprecher and Summit.

Donors: Toshiba, Old Dutch Foods, Buffalo Wild Wings, Sprecher Brewing Company, Summit Brewing Company



HAUTE CUISINE IN YOUR OWN HOME.

Your taste buds will swear you are in France when Chef Andrew Weber, who served as Executive Chef at Martini Blu, ignites your imagination and awakens your palate with a full-course Parisian feast for 12 in your home, complete with French wine pairings. Bon appétit.

Donors: Chef Andrew Weber, Bourget Imports, Penelope Paperie



STEAK AND WINE YOUR WAY.

Take the night off and leave the hosting responsibilities to Axel's. Executive Chef Mo Moore will customize a private five course meal for you and up to nine guests at Axel's West or East metro locations. Chef Moore and a wine sommelier will present each course with a wine pairing to complement the menu. Enjoy an evening with friends or family, but either way someone else will do the dishes.

Donors: Axel's Restaurants, Mahendra Nath, It's A Bitsy





DO YOU CRAVE SUSHI?

Calling all adventurous epicureans, learn about traditional sushi and the varieties Crave specializes in – nigiri, sashimi and maki sushi. You and nine guests will be treated to a private five course meal at Crave's new West End location in St. Louis Park, a mixology lesson on best drink pairings and a chef's presentation. You will have the opportunity to meet with Crave's Executive Chef Eli Wollenzien and Sushi Chef Tony Lam to customize the menu for your party's specific cravings.

Donors: Crave Restaurant



BAKER'S DELIGHT WORKSHOPS.

Master the fine art and science behind exceptional baking with two private workshops in your own home. A Cuisinart stand-mixer and a selection of cookbooks are included so you can practice your craft.

Galye Dalton, a baker at Café Latte, will show you and up to five guests how to make traditional holiday cookies to delight your friends and family. Although perfect for holiday cookie exchanges, you might want to keep all to yourself.

Let artisan baker, Solveig Tofte, transform your usual Sunday morning brunch routine with her baking secrets from Turtle Bread Company. Starting with overnight caramel rolls, Solveig will create a brunch for you and five guests in a private baking demonstration.

Donors: Solveig Tofte, Galye Dalton, Cuisinart, Jerry's Foods





GETAWAY TO FUN IN THE SUN.

Trade negative degree temperatures for sunshine, tan lines and sunburns.

Beat the chilling Minnesota winter this year with a getaway to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Enjoy a two-night stay at the ocean front Marriott Harbor Beach Fort Lauderdale Resort and Spa and airfare for two. Hit the town with drinks at Chima Brazilian Steakhouse, dinner at Mango's Restaurant and two tickets to any Broadway show during the 2009-2010 season at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Donors: Marriott Harbor Beach Fort Lauderdale Resort and Spa, Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Chima Brazilian Steakhouse, Mango's Restaurant and Lounge, Delta Air Lines



TOUR DE FARM.

The latest culinary trend to hit the Twin Cities, "Tour de Farm" events have taken the local food scene by storm! In an effort to celebrate the source of food—and the farmers that grow it—epicureans have united to collaborate on amazing meals using local sources. The movement inspired executive chef and co-owner of The Modern Café, Jim Grell, and Crispin Natural Hard Apple Cider to come together to create a mini "Tour de Farm" experience for you and 13 guests. Enjoy an evening of nature's finest ingredients expertly prepared just for you.

Donors: Crispin Natural Hard Apple Cider, Jim Grell and The Modern Café





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