

Creative Children's Center's 2008 Fundraising Auction Discover "Down Under"

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Dear CCC Families and Friends,
G'Day mates!

Creative Children's Center's annual fundraising auction, *Discover "Down Under"*, is scheduled for Saturday evening, November 22nd. The event will be held at the Melody Ballroom, and is sure to be a crowd pleaser with exciting new twists and surprises! Something for all you blokes and sheilas out there! Please save the date on your calendar and invite your friends, coworkers, community members and family to attend.

We are excited to be able to get things rolling this year by providing you with a few "tools" for the summer! Think about where you will be this summer...any good hotels? Any good activities? A fun new business or restaurant? Are you going to the beach? Sunriver? Bend? The mountain? Southern Oregon? Take some letters with you....write a few personal letters or make some phone calls and be done early with your donation participation requirements! (\$75.00 in goods or services is the minimum donation requirement, but there are other options too! More information regarding other options will be available soon!)

Here's how you can help this summer:

- Copy and distribute the fundraising letter to businesses near and far. The letter is self-explanatory and works! Personal contact is the best, but snail mail and e-mail distribution have proved very effective in the past. Go ahead and "have a go" at it!
- Get Creative! There are many ways to fulfill your fundraising responsibilities. Attached is questionnaire to get ideas flowing! "No worries mate!"



Procurement strategies:

Businesses understand the need to support education and are pleased to help. You can contact people by phone, mail, email or in person. Here are some tips to help get the ball rolling.

Keep some donation letters in your car. Leave one with the owner/manager of your favorite stores. Make sure to tell the owner/manager that the value of the gift will purchase advertising in: the CCC phone book, school newsletter, the CCC web site, and the auction catalog. *Gifts with value over \$150.00 will be highlighted as major contributors.*

Open the phone book and let your fingers do the walking. Call the listing or send a letter. Surf the web. E-mail out the letters—be surprised at how many donations you get!

Ask family and friends for their ideas. From the family dentist to Uncle Fred's homemade fishing flies, donations can be just around the corner! Know anyone who has big equipment? Let's have a BBQ and take turns riding the back hoe!

Know anyone with contacts for vacation homes? Someone who has a special contact with important or famous people? A friend owns their own business? Have a good relationship with a business? Know someone who has a good skill, craft, or ability? Do you know someone with season tickets to sporting or theatre events? Think outside the box.....Get creative and have fun!

Contact a member of the committee for ideas and support!

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