

**Putting on the Ritz! (Our fourth Silent Auction and BBQ)
for
The Resident Councils of Washington**

Dear Friend of Resident Councils of Washington:

Our fourth annual auction is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2009, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Horizon House in Seattle. We expect to provide our supporters with an unforgettable evening of glitz while focusing on a very worthy cause. We know our long-term care facilities in Washington support RCW and residents who make a difference and are engaged in life.

The Resident Councils of Washington is 24 years old and the only resident centered consumer based organization in the United States.

- Imagine yourself in a retirement home, nursing home or assisted living, physically challenged but still wanting to contribute, to make a difference for your friends and others living with you.
- Imagine the opportunity to meet others, travel, represent your friends in Washington DC or attend workshops
- Imagine the opportunity to connect via the Internet with others or continuing your professional skills with this organization.

The Resident Council is totally autonomous, run by residents who care and want to make a difference. We have turned a corner, residents are standing in line to be involved all across the state of Washington and it is our vision we will eventually be a nationally run resident run organization. Our residents have been recognized nationally for their dedication and contribution as volunteers to an ever-growing need to have purpose and give back to society.

We know that there are many demands on your generosity, but we hope that you will consider donating to “our fundraiser.” We know you and your home want to partner with this resident centered organization. Please help make a difference in the lives of our residents. Your contribution is tax deductible. It will be listed in our auction catalogue where it will be read by hundreds of members and friends of RCW who receive our mailings and read our web page (www.residentcouncil.org). RCW is on top of all search engines.

Should you consider a donation, enclosed is a procurement form for you to fill out and return to RCW as soon as you can. Although our deadline is not until September 1st; we appreciate early promises. Send us your flyers, business cards, or other material. We will display them along with your gift. We will arrange to pick up your gift if necessary.

Thank you for supporting our most vulnerable adults through this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Sharon McIntyre

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Executive Director

Package Ideas

RCW Auction Procurement Suggestions:

The following is a list to serve as suggestions for donations. Interesting, unique, fun packages that you would love to have is what RCW is looking to procure.

- Gardeners Delight: wheelbarrow, mulch, tools, bulbs, gloves, seeds, trees
- Pamper Package: manicure, haircut, dinner, house cleaning, baby-sitting
- Indulgence Package: auto tune up, massage, haircut, yard work, dinner
- Northwest Package: salmon, coffee, raingear, Made in Washington items
- Coffee Package: selection of gourmet coffee, mugs, espresso beans, maker
- Rainy Day Package: umbrella, coats, boots, fun indoor activities
- New Baby Package: diaper service, blankets, bottles, savings bonds
- Ultimate Kids Package: toys, events, costumes, books
- Adopt a Dog Package: dog, shots, bedding, food, doggie daycare (see below)

Physical Items:

Outdoor equipment such as hiking, camping, boating equipment, fishing

Some basket ideas

Basket of fishing supplies or a backpack full of camping supplies

Ice chest – boating equipment, food, drinks, swim gear, towels, fins etc.

Ski lift tickets, books, equipment

IPODs, cameras, picture printers

Mountain bike or biking equipment

Services:

Hair care

Spa – massage

Car maintenance or detailing

Provide

- A Chef's dinner or dinner at your home – international dinners
- Cooking classes
- A Dessert a month
- Flowers each month
- Photography services for a special occasions
- Scrapbook service
- Handy man for a day

- Fitness for a day or 30-day pass – Curves, LA Fitness, YMCA
- Dental services – teeth cleaning, x-rays or a package of dental supplies
Toothpaste, floss, electric tooth brush etc.

Tickets or frequent flier tickets from all airlines

Tickets on boats, trains, buses