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of  
Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods*



# HOLLY FEST



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Your gift to HOLLY FEST will help The Family Center to continue its mission to promote a deeper understanding of the role of parents and others in supporting our youth to become competent, caring and responsible community members. Our vision is to be vital in linking families and professionals with resources that promote growth.

Welcome Friends!

As The Family Center continues to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> year, we thank you for your support and for joining us for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual HOLLY FEST!

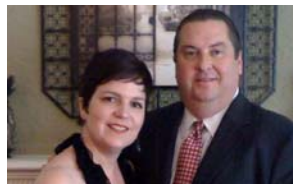
Few events bring together such a complete synergy among our excellent schools and students, our generous business community, and individual donors as this evening. Unique holiday items and auction offerings centerpiece this annual Fest of fun, food and incredible support for The Family Center's ever-growing programs and services. Our gratitude to our donors and volunteers is truly hard to express. The responses to our calls to action have grown this year and we salute those who have so selflessly supported and assisted us in these many projects.

2010 has been an amazing year for The Family Center. Once again, our Circle of Friends has delighted the community with several fundraising events that were so much fun that they didn't even seem like fundraisers. The sold-out October concert featuring Caledon, Scotland's Tenors at the Performing Arts Center played to rave reviews and raised almost \$6,000.00. Literally as the curtain fell, grateful expressions of hope came from all quarters that this will be an annual event.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hayride went upscale, moving to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, and a perfect fall evening touring the exquisite grounds by horse-drawn wagon was enjoyed by all. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ChariTea Bear's Tea Party was another delightful event and this spring's 3<sup>rd</sup> is already eagerly anticipated by parents and children alike!

With sincere appreciation for your generous support, it is with grateful hearts that we wish you all a holiday season filled with wonder and the joys of family.

Gary and Lauren Wilson  
Honorary Chairs of HOLLY FEST



December 2010



Dear Friends,

Warmest holiday wishes to you and welcome to our 8<sup>th</sup> annual HOLLY FEST! We are so

pleased you could join us for this signature holiday benefit for The Family Center. This year marks a special milestone for us as we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> year of service to families of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities.

Because this is a time of year for reflection and gratitude, we would like to thank all of you who have so generously supported The Family Center by contributing to this worthwhile event. We are grateful to the many volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event a success. We give special thanks to our fabulous benefit co-chairs Lois Warden and Beth Moran for their dedication to ensuring that HOLLY FEST is an event that we look forward to each year. Thank you also to Gary and Lauren Wilson for serving as our HOLLY FEST Honorary Chairpersons this year. We greatly appreciate all you continue to do on behalf of The Family Center.

As we begin our next decade of service, we remain committed to our original vision: healthy, resilient and successful children. Parenting in today's complex world is highly challenging and we are proud of the quality enrichment programs we continue to provide parents and professionals in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. We are the central hub of information, resources and referrals for families in our community. In the past year alone we have offered 13 programs to 1,756 participants on topics ranging from developmental assets, youth trends and negotiating transitions. Our written resources distributed through weekly Ask the Experts columns in the Grosse Pointe News, a resource guide, newsletters and our website reaches countless more families seeking guidance in the awesome task of raising children.

The Family Center is grateful for your shared dedication to supporting families and youth. We have a wonderful calendar of programs and events that we are excited to bring to our community and we hope that you will continue to be involved in such a meaningful way. The volunteers and supporters we have come to depend on are among the many things we are grateful for this holiday season. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you and sharing in this holiday benefit. Happy holidays to you and your families and all good things in the New Year!

Mary Beth Garvey  
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# Bidding Rules and Procedures

1. Cash, Check, Visa or MasterCard may be used as payment for all silent and live auction items.
2. Those items that require payment of state sale tax will be marked accordingly with an asterisk.
3. Paddle numbers will be posted for those winning bids after the silent auction items are closed.
4. All items must be taken with the purchaser tonight, except as provided in the program or as agreed upon with the donor or supplier. Please contact the donor or supplier with any questions.
5. All items are sold “as is”.
6. Items will be removed from both the live and silent auctions unless the minimum bid is obtained.
7. Silent Auction Tables will close promptly at the times that are posted.
8. Auctioneer’s sold price is final. Purchasers are responsible for payment and no refunds or exchanges will be allowed unless otherwise noted.
9. Payment must be made at the auction checkout this evening.
10. Services and gift certificates expire as stated.

# Live Auction Items

## **Item #1: “A ‘BOOK’-ENDED DAY”**

This unique item is a behind-the-scenes tour of John King Books, Michigan’s largest used and rare bookstore. Included is a tour of the “Rare Book Room”. The tour will span approximately 1 hour on a Saturday morning; date to be determined. Follow the tour with lunch at the Book Cadillac ‘24 Grille’ with a \$75.00 gift certificate included in this package.

**Donated by: John King Used and Rare Books and The Family Center**

## **Item #2: "CLEMATIS - BARBARA JACKMAN”**

For auction is a 30 x 30 inch gallery wrapped canvas print of Clematis ‘Barbara Jackman’. This photograph is by Donald Schulte, who brought you the “Blossoms” benefit for the Family Center last June. This canvas gallery wrap is professionally printed with long-lasting pigment-based inks, sprayed with a protective UV coating and meticulously stretched on a 1.5” thick frame. The back is covered completely with black paper and is ready for hanging.

**Donated by: Donald Schulte**

## **Item #3: “ITALIAN ADVENTURE”**

This is an amazing opportunity for 4 to spend a week in Citta di Castello, Umbria, Italy in a newly renovated apartment with a garden terrace. Located in the heart of Italy, 20 miles from Corona, the apartment is fronted by a cobbled street inside ancient Roman walls. The fully renovated apartment has a kitchen, 2 bathrooms and an outdoor patio. Sleeps 4. Date to be mutually agreed upon.

**Donated by: Rich and Nancy Solak**

## **Item #4: “ZOO TOUR”**

Come and tour the Famed Detroit Zoo on a cart tour for four. Enjoy a special box lunch while milling about with the Lions, Tigers and Bears! A one of a kind afternoon!

**Donated by: Lois and Gail Warden**

## **Item #5: “RED WING PACKAGE”**

Watch the Detroit Red Wings take on the Minnesota Wild on Sunday, April 3, 2011. Enjoy Four (4) tickets to the game plus delight your child with a Zamboni ride between periods. What a perfect Christmas gift!

**Donated by: The Detroit Red Wings and The Henry Ford Health System**

# Live Auction Items

**Item #6: “WILD, WILD WEST”**

Wake up to a picturesque view of the beautiful Rocky Mountains as the high bidder for a 1 week stay at this beautiful Colorado vacation home. Two houses included, sleeping 2-4 in bunk house and 4-6 in the Casa Main. (Redeemable May through September 2011; holiday weeks - Memorial, July 4th and Labor Day excluded)

**Donated by: John Danaher**

**Item #7: “TURQUOISE NECKLACE”**

This beautiful turquoise and sterling silver necklace was handcrafted for that special lady in your life.

**Donated by: Joe and Beth Moran**

**Item #8: “HARBOR SPRINGS GETAWAY”**

Enjoy three nights at this exclusive Harbor Springs resort. Three bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, new kitchen, deck, beach, pool and tennis courts. Close to Nubs Nob and Boyne Highlands. Sleeps 12. No children under 5 years of age. Can be used in spring, fall or winter of 2011.

**Donated by: Joe and Beth Moran**

**Item #9: “MARY POPPINS PACKAGE”**

This package includes 4 tickets for Mary Poppins at the Detroit Opera House, 2:00 p.m. matinee on Thursday, December 30, 2010. Included is a \$100.00 gift card to Small Plates.

**Donated by: Diane and Ron Strickler, Lisa Khoury and Helen Landuyt**

**Item #10: “12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS”**

This pre-lit wreath features the 12 Days of Christmas ornaments, beautifully crafted from Pewabic Pottery.

**Donated by: Beth Moran**

**Item #11: “PIG ROAST”**

You and 34 of your closest friends can enjoy this unique experience of a Pig Roast including all the trimmings!

**Donated by: Gary Wilson and Randall Cain**

**Item #12: “CULTURED PEARL NECKLACE”**

Pearls are popular these days. This 16” cultured pearl necklace would make a perfect gift for the lady in your life.

**Donated by: Lori Stefek**

# Silent Auction Items

**Item #101: Gift Card Present**

This natural twig gift box is loaded with gift cards from the community including a gift card donated by Posterity Gallery.

**Donated by: Barnes Early Childhood Center**

**Item #102: Holiday Wreath**

This holiday wreath is perfect for your front door or family room.

**Donated by: Sherry McRill in conjunction with “The Secret Garden”**

**Item #103: Red Wing Wine Package**

The featured bottle is a Cabernet Sauvignon from the vineyards of #3 retired Detroit Red Wing, Igor Larianov. Rounding out the package is a bottle of Red Wing Chardonnay and Red Wing Merlot.

**Donated by: Joe and Beth Moran**

**Item #104: Holly Fest Apron**

Ann Hartner designed and created this holly apron just for “Holly Fest”. Wear it while you make these gingerbread cookies!

**Donated by: Ann Hartner**

**Item #105: Go Badgers!**

This “original” pastel nutcracker of the Wisconsin Badger was done by Grosse Pointe artist Shelley Schoenherr.

**Donated by: Joe and Beth Moran**

**Item #106: Amethyst Bracelet**

Wrap your arm in this silver and amethyst bracelet. Looks great with jeans or dressed up.

**Donated by: A Friend of The Family Center**

**Item #107: Gift Card Tree**

These gift cards make perfect stocking stuffers or gifts for that special person on your list.

**Donated by: Poupard Elementary School**

**Item #108: Frosty the Snowman**

This unique snowman is made from glass blocks with his white cap and twig arms he’ll be around, even when the sun comes out.

**Donated by: Joe and Beth Moran**

# Silent Auction Items

**Item #109: “Tablescape”**

This package includes centerpiece, chargers, napkins, candles, etc. for 6 people.

**Donated by: Adrienne Nutter or Fandangle**

**Item #110: “Maire-y Christmas”**

This beautiful wreath is adorned for the holidays with decorations, a snowman and Santa!

**Donated by: Maire Elementary School**

**Item #111: “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

This wreath, decorated with angels, is perfect for the holidays or a gift for that special family.

**Donated by: Richard Elementary School**

**Item #112: Dinner for Six**

Your dinner for 6 will include Salad, filets, potatoes, a side dish, bread and a Chardonnay and Merlot to enjoy with your meal! Perhaps you'll use this gift certificate toward a beautiful Holiday centerpiece?!

**Donated by: Fresh Farms Market**

**Flowers by: The Secret Garden**

**Item #113: “The Hill”**

Enjoy a Holiday lunch or dinner at The Hill using this \$100.00 gift certificate.

**Donated by: The Hill Seafood & Chop House**

**Item #114: “Sparkle Plenty”**

This fun, non-traditional 4-foot pre-lit tree is decorated in the colors of silver, turquoise, fuchsia and purple. A variety of hand-painted, vintage and modern ornaments give this tree a festive, unique look. Mirrored and glittered branches help reflect the white lights and add extra sparkle to your holiday decorating.

**Donated by: Mary Ann Bury**

**Item #115: Eastside Tennis and Fitness Club**

You and a friend are entitled to a 2-month individual tennis and fitness membership. Included is this gym bag and t-shirt.

**Donated by: Eastside Tennis and Fitness Club**

# Silent Auction Items

**Item #116: Small Tree with “Big” Style**

This small tree is big on style with 6 hand-blown ornaments created by glass artist Chris Winn from River of Glass Studio.

**Donated by: Chris Winn**

**Item #117: “Fore”**

Enjoy 18 holes of golf and lunch for 2 at The Lochmoor Club with your member hosts Andy and Terri Gocsik. Play to be during the 2011 season, dates to be mutually agreed upon.

**Donated by: Andy and Terri Gocsik**

**Item #118: “Glitz and Glitter”**

This special table top holiday tree is sure to please with a “Glitz and Glitter” theme.

**Donated by: Tim Biondo and The Greenhouse Salon**

**Item #119: Wine and Dine**

Up for bid are 5 individual gift packages consisting of 10 pounds of beef and 2 bottles of wine to compliment your dinner!

**Donated by: Wolverine Packing Co. and Family Center Board**

**Item #120: St. Nick and the Nutcracker**

Bid on this fine art giclee print, matted on heavy weighted art paper, signed and numbered by the artist Shelley Schoenherr. Image is of Santa from the yearly commemorative Santa Clause Series and is 16 x 20 inches. The piece is named “St. Nick and the Nutcracker”. Also included in this package is a \$50.00 gift card towards framing.

**Donated by: Shelley Schoenherr and Great Frame Up**

**Item #121: Pewabic Pottery Tour**

Take a “behind the scenes” tour for up to 20 people at Pewabic Pottery. Also included is a 1-year membership to the Pewabic Society and a beautiful State of Michigan tile.

**Donated by: Pewabic Pottery**

**Item #122: “Santa and His Sleigh”**

This beautiful piece, by Fritz and Floyd, can be used as a cookie jar or centerpiece.

**Donated by: Lois & Gail Warden**

# Silent Auction Items

**Item #123: “12 Days of Christmas”**

The books in this basket correspond to the theme of each of the “12 days of Christmas” (example “The Little Red Hen” book - Three French Hens).

**Donated by: Monteith Elementary School**

**Item #124: Two Sisters**

Enjoy this gift basket from “Two Sisters” Gourmet!

**Donated by: Sheryl Hogan**

**Item #125: Elegant Wreath**

White lights with rich gold and burgundy ornaments and ribbon adorn this fashionably elegant holiday wreath.

**Donated by: Rebecca Fannon**

**Item #126: “12 Gifts of Christmas”**

This beautiful quilt depicts the 12 gifts of Christmas. Each square has a different gift - perfect for Christmas!

**Donated by: Kramer’s Bed, Bath & Window Fashions**

**Item #127: Christmas Centerpiece**

This holiday table centerpiece is 24 inches and decorated with acid green balls and sparkle loops and includes a candle.

**Donated by: The League Shop**

**Item #128: Street Sign**

Imagine your child’s name on this authentic street sign!

**Donated by: Shane Reeside, City of Grosse Pointe Farms**

**Item #129: Go Blue Devils**

South Supporters will love this basket of GPSHS memorabilia from the school store.

**Donated by: Mother’s Club of GPSHS, School Store and Boosters of South**

**Item #130: “Vintage Tree”**

Trombly School has created this vintage tree, taking us back to days of yesteryear.

**Donated by: Trombly Elementary School**

# Silent Auction Items

**Item #131: “Try Your Luck”**

This wreath is loaded with \$100 worth of Lottery Tickets.  
Good Luck!

**Donated by: Brownell Middle School**

**Item #132: “Warmest Wishes Bundle”**

This “Bundle” includes a Grosse Pointe North hoody, flannel pants, long sleeved t-shirt, 2 beverage mugs, gourmet hot chocolate mixes and more....

**Donated by: Grosse Pointe North Parents Club**

**Item #133: Traditional Tree**

This holiday tree is adorned with ceramic and metal holiday-themed ornaments made by middle school students.

**Donated by: Pierce Middle School**

**Item #134: Rum Cake**

Enjoy this rum cake especially made for “Dylan’s Wish”. Dylan Gehrke was 3-years-old when he died from leukemia. Proceeds from this cake sale will go to Child Leukemia Research.

**Donated by: Beth Moran**

**Item #135: “Sugar and Spice”**

This delectable tree looks good enough to eat! Cupcakes and candy look yummy!

**Donated by: Mason Elementary School (Judy Gafa)**

**Item #136: Fire Engine Birthday Party**

Enjoy the birthday of a lifetime with this birthday package. The Grosse Pointe Farms Fire Department will bring the fire trucks to your home so the birthday child and friends can experience what it’s like to be in the “driver’s seat” of a fire engine. (If you live outside GP Farms, they’ll make arrangements for you at the Farms Pier.) Sorry, no children under 8 years of age due to seatbelt laws.

**Donated by: Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department**

**Item #137: “Let it Snow”**

This holiday wreath is covered in white lights, silver ornaments with ribbon and snowflakes.

**Donated by: Deann Newman**

# Silent Auction Items

**Item #138: Holiday Centerpiece**

Grace your holiday table with this beautiful centerpiece of holiday greenery.

**Donated by: David Calcaterra (Thrifty Flowers)**

**Item #139: Girlie Girl**

Get a makeover at Girlie Girl with all these products and gift certificates.

**Donated by: Girlie Girl**

**Item #140: "We're Going Green"**

This live spruce tree can be placed inside or outdoors. It is decorated with birds and birdhouses.

**Donated by: Ferry Elementary School**

**Item #141: "Toy Story"**

Join Woody, Buzz Lightyear and Jessie in this "Toy Story" inspired donation.

**Donated by: Defer Elementary School**

**Item #142: Parade Company Tour**

Experience the magic with your group of 10 people as you take a journey through the Parade Studio's giant creative kingdom. Redeem by September 2011.

**Donated by: The Parade Company**

**Item #143: Blufin Sushi**

Enjoy this Gift Certificate for dining at Blufin Sushi.

**Donated by: Blufin Sushi**

**Item #144: Second Annual Ornament**

This gift basket contains the 2nd annual ornament from the Soroptimists. It depicts the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, just in time for the holidays.

**Donated by: Grosse Pointe Soroptimists**

**Item #145: Sole Sisters Detroit**

Recipient receives a shoe party at Sole Sisters Detroit along with a handbag valued at \$100.00. Party includes wine and hors d'oeuvres for up to 80 guests. All attendees receive 10% off their purchases and 10% of the total sales from the event will be donated to The Family Center. Must be redeemed by December, 2011.

**Donated by: Sole Sisters Detroit**

# Silent Auction Items

**Item #146: Culinary Wreath**

Adorn your kitchen or dining area with this wreath of culinary utensils , with battery-powered lights, ornaments, balls and bow.

**Donated by: Sean Hogan-Downey**

**Item #147: “An Entertainment Basket”**

This basket is filled with 2 entertainment books, as well as Sally Foster gift wrap and items for your entertaining pleasure.

**Donated by: Roseanne Horne**

**Item #148: Valente Tuxedo**

The high bidder will win one black all-wool tuxedo coat and trousers only (shirt/tie not included).

**Donated by: Mark Valente**

**Item #149: “Baby Wreath”**

Decorate your baby’s room with this festive wreath just for him/her adorned with diaper pins, storks, beads, snowmen, balls, bows and room for a picture of Baby’s first Christmas.

**Donated by: Friend of The Family Center**

**Item #150: “Candy Cane Tree”**

The sweet smells of peppermint and candy canes gets everyone in the Christmas spirit.

**Donated by: Kerby Elementary School, Designed by Karen Lawrence**

**Item #151: Elegant Necklace**

This 16" sterling silver and Cubic Zirconia sparkles when worn. Someone would be delighted to find this under their tree.

**Donated by: Village Jewelry and Repair**

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