



CELEBRATE

Concord  
Children's Center

*Spring Gala*

7:00-10:30pm | SUREAU FAMILY DISCOVERY BARN AT NASHOBA BROOKS SCHOOL



## **PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING**

**Cocktail Reception and Hors d'Oeuvres**

**Silent Auction of Classroom Creations**

**Raffle Tickets and Gift Card Grab Bags available for purchase**

**7:00-8:30 PM**

**Live Auction**

*(Including drawing of raffle winners)\**

**8:45-9:45 PM**

**Drinks and Check-Out**

**9:45-10:30 PM**

*\* To participate in the raffle,  
please purchase your tickets before the live auction.*





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Dear CCC Educators, Families, and Friends,

Welcome to 2024 *Celebrate Concord Children's Center!*

This year we have so much to celebrate, including our new East Concord building and our renovated West Concord classrooms. We have worked hard to bring these concepts and designs into reality. Also, I am thrilled to be attending my first Gala event as Executive Director. I believe we have so much to be proud of, and at the same time we can anticipate a wonderful future as we embrace our new two-site model. Your attendance at our events and your support throughout the year help make it all possible.

This Program is your “Party Guide” to this year’s event. With this guide you can preview the many wonderful items donated by merchants near and far, our families, our educators and administrators, and our children.

When you place a winning bid or purchase a raffle ticket, you are supporting Concord Children’s Center’s mission to cultivate an intimate, welcoming community where children develop respectful relationships and inquisitive minds, build confidence in their individual gifts, and are engaged, prepared, and inspired to learn.

Since 1988, CCC staff, families and friends have “partied for CCC” at our annual event. So, enjoy your evening and take home some fabulous memories and winnings!

Sincerely,

Suzie Kornblum  
Executive Director

# Thank You



*Celebrate Concord Children's Center* does not happen without the extraordinary efforts of many people. We are grateful to the individuals listed below who worked to ensure the success of this year's event.

## **CCC Administration & Board Advancement Committee**

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## **Auctioneer**

Wilson Kerr

## **Design & Printing**

Concord Printing  
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And finally, thank YOU for your attendance and generous bidding.  
Tonight's proceeds benefit the children, teachers,  
and programs of CCC.

# Rules of the Evening

## Registration

You will receive your bid number at check-in. Use only the bid number assigned to you for bidding on classroom creations and live auction items and purchasing gift card grab bag and raffle tickets.

## Classroom Creations

Classroom creations open for bidding at 7:00 PM. Each item's minimum bid and raise are written on the item's bid sheet. To be valid, bids must comply with these minimums and be legible. To place a bid, enter your bid number and bid amount on the bid sheet. Doing so constitutes a legal contract to purchase that item at the price stated if yours is the winning bid. The last (highest) valid bid entered prior to the section closing will be the winning bid. The Auction Committee reserves the right to withdraw any item at any time without notice before the actual sale. In the event of a dispute, the Auction Committee shall act as final authority in determining the winning bid.

## Live Auction

Live Auction bidding begins at 8:45 PM. When bidding, please hold up your hand so it is visible to the auctioneer. The live auction continues until all items are sold. If a group is bidding on one item, please designate one person to place your combined bid. Auction items awarded to one purchaser only. A bid acknowledged by the auctioneer is a legal contract to purchase the item.

## Gift Card Grab Bag

Take a chance on the Gift Card Grab Bag for \$25 – choose an envelope from the bag and see what you get! All envelopes have a minimum value of \$25, and some are much more! Gift Card Grab Bag table on ground floor of Barn.

## Raffle

To participate in the raffle, please purchase your tickets at the table on the ground floor of the Barn before the live auction. Raffle winners will be drawn during the live auction.

## Payment

All items must be paid for by the end of the evening. For your convenience we gladly accept cash, check, MasterCard and Visa.

## **Check-Out**

Please visit check-out to pay for your winning items/services. Once you have paid for your winning items, you will be issued a receipt that you may use to claim your live auction item/certificate and/or classroom creation. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to locate and remove his/her winning item(s) by the end of the auction.

## **Terms of Sale**

Unless otherwise noted, all certificates for goods and services must be used within one year of the auction date. All items and services are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the donors. All sales are final. There will be no exchanges or refunds. Concord Children's Center does not make any expressed or implied warranties or guarantees on auction items regarding quality or value of items or services. Concord Children's Center has attempted to describe and catalog all items correctly, but all items are offered and sold "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS." Concord Children's Center neither warrants nor represents, and in no event shall be responsible for the correctness of descriptions, genuineness, authorship, provenance or condition of the items. No statement made in this catalog or made verbally at the auction or elsewhere shall be deemed such a warranty for tax purposes or market value. Items have not been appraised unless otherwise noted.

Reservations for trips and accommodations must be mutually arranged with the donor unless otherwise noted. No refunds will be allowed on travel packages for canceled tickets and/or accommodations.

By the buyer's purchase, the buyer waives any claim for liability against Concord Children's Center, its elected and appointed officials, members and employees, sponsors, volunteers connected with the auction, and/or the donor of the item. Neither Concord Children's Center nor the donor is responsible for any personal injuries or damage that may result from the use of the property or services.

## **Tax Information**

This catalog lists the fair market value of each item. Any amount you pay in excess of the fair market value would normally be available to you as a charitable contribution for tax purposes. Please check with your tax advisor for specifics.



# Live

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## **A Close-By Overnight Getaway for Two**

Enjoy an adults-only overnight getaway to The Groton Inn, including breakfast and a \$100 gift certificate toward dinner at the Inn's award-winning destination restaurant, Forge & Vine. Once considered the oldest continuously operating inn in the U.S., the Inn reopened in 2018 after being destroyed in a fire in 2011, offering unique and historical luxury boutique lodging. Forge & Vine is an area dining hotspot, offering indoor and outdoor seating and an eight-foot wood-fired grill as the restaurant's literal and figurative centerpiece. Certificate expires January 27, 2025. Redemption subject to availability and blackout dates.

**Value: \$575.00**

**Donated by: The Groton Inn/Forge & Vine**

102

## **Go Sox!**

You and two friends will have a birds-eye view of the Red Sox home game against the Chicago White Sox on Sunday, September 8, at 1:35 p.m. These three seats are in field box 45/46, row B, seats 1-3, five rows behind home plate!

**Value: 700.00**

**Donated by: Steve and Sara Zirkel**

103

## **A Vermont Family Getaway**

Looking for a fun family long weekend? Whether it's spring, summer, fall or winter, the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT, has you covered with this three-night/two-day bed and breakfast package for a family of four (two adults and two children under 17). Includes one deluxe room, breakfast, and use of the Resort's standard amenities (does not include golf, golf cart or motorized boating). Advanced reservations required, based on availability. Expires June 30, 2025.

**Value: \$1,006.00**

**Donated by: Lake Morey Resort**



## Live

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### **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs Night at East Concord**

A fun dinner and movie night in our East Concord activity kitchen for a group of 10-12 children (ages 2-5) with Tiffany Boisvert, Marie DiPace, Erika Gutermuth, Isabelle Lechauve and Jennine Lesser! The children will help in the kitchen, including baking mini-donuts for dessert, play outside and then enjoy dinner and donuts while watching “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.” The evening will take place from 5:30-8:00pm on a mutually agreeable Friday night and must be used by June 7.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Tiffany Boisvert, Marie DiPace, Erika Gutermuth, Isabelle Lechauve, and Jennine Lesser**



105

### **Pajama Party at West Concord**

It will be a night to remember for a group of 10-12 children (ages 2-7) to come to West Concord and have the building, playground and staff all to themselves! Join Anne Doherty, Jen Turini, Jordan Zirkel, and JC Conti at West Concord for an evening pajama party from 5:30-8:30pm. Wear your pj's and bring your favorite stuffed animal! We will share a child friendly meal, make crafts, play games, and watch a short movie to end the evening.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: JC Conti, Anne Doherty, Jen Turini, Jordan Zirkel**

106

### **A Day of Pampering, For You or Someone Else!**

Spoil yourself or someone else with this luxurious pampering package that includes a \$300 gift certificate to Nordstrom, a \$100 gift card to Rebel & Rose Beauty House, a \$100 massage gift card, and more. This is a perfect Mother's or Father's Day gift and would also be wonderful for a special graduate, bride/groom-to-be, or in advance of prom/semi-formal season!

**Value: \$500.00**

**Donated by: Lady Black Tie**

# Live

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## **Brick Oven Pizza Party ... on Wheels!**

Have a neighborhood block party, graduation celebration, or another big event coming up and wondering what to do for food? How about a mobile brick oven pizza party? Juliana's Catering (caterer of tonight's event!) will bring its brick oven pizza truck to your event and serve up to 100 people! Your menu includes Juliana's homemade pizza dough plus sauce, two cheeses, and eight toppings of your choice. Date to be agreed with the winner.

**Value: \$2,150.00**

**Donated by: Juliana's Catering & Events**

108

## **Tickets to the Last Celtics Home Game!**

With these tickets, you and a friend will have GREAT SEATS to the last home game of this year's winning Celtics season! These two tickets are for the Sunday, April 14, game at 1 p.m. against the Washington Wizards -- seats are in Loge 7, Row A. Let's go Celtics!

**Value: \$350.00**

**Donated by: Sarah and Ryan Sample**

109

## **A Brilliant Night Out -- Wine Dinner for 8!**

Looking for a night out that doesn't mean driving an hour+ into the city or being rushed through a meal so the next reservation can be seated? Problem solved! The winner and SEVEN other people (4 couples/8 people total) are invited to an elevated night out in Concord at Phil & Kara Barr's home. The evening will feature a 5-course Michelin-star inspired menu prepared by private chef Brandon Farrell from Brilliant Wine Co., along with specially selected wine pairings from the hosts' cellar. Chef Brandon will start with an array of canapes and introduce a tasting of his Farrell & Friends Wines to begin the evening. You will work with Phil to choose wines from the Barrs' home cellar to pair with the rest of dinner, and Chef Brandon will build a delightful menu around your selection. And who knows what might get opened "off menu"!

**Value: \$2,000.00**

**Donated by: Phil Barr**

# Classroom Creations

201

## Acorn Room Canvas

This 16" x 20" canvas painting features all the children's colorful handprints surrounding the well-known beloved Dr. Seuss quote: "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world" – a very appropriate sentiment for our youngest East Concord students!

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Acorn Room**

202

## Pinecone Room Fingerprint Tree

The fingerprints of our Pinecone Room children have been turned into colorful birds perching on a hand painted pine tree on this 16" x 20" canvas, which features a quote about children growing up.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Pinecone Room**

203

## Samara Room Wooden Tray

Our Samara Room children have added their personal touches to a very practical item: a 17" round wooden tray with leather handles. The top features the quote "Friends Are Flowers in the Garden of Life" surrounded by a collage of flowers, petals and leaves made by the children. The bottom features the children's colorful handprints.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Samara Room**

# Classroom Creations

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## **A Chair from Ripley, Decorated by our Oak Room Children!**

A unique piece that honors CCC history and the importance of this year. This child-sized chair from Ripley is covered with colorful paper oak leaves painted and applied by the children. The chair lived in the Oak Room dramatic play area this year at both Ripley and East Concord, while the leaves were displayed on our classroom tree last fall (both at Ripley and at East Concord after the move). This project brings together the new and the old and is very meaningful to the Oak Room children who have been through this transition.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Oak Room**

205

## **Pine Room Adirondack Chair**

The perfect junior-sized sitting spot for your child and a friend! Our Pine Room children have decorated this white wooden two-seater Adirondack chair with their colorful handprints. Chair is 22" tall, 39" wide, and 12.5" deep.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Pine Room**

206

## **Maple Room Collaborative Tree**

For this collaborative art piece, each of our Maple Room children hand-painted several small tree cookies. These colorful pieces have then been assembled into a tree and displayed in a 19" x 25" wooden frame.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Maple Room**

# Classroom Creations

207

## Circle Room Splatter Paint Platter

Our Circle Room children had a lot of fun making this splatter paint platter! They used different kinds of paint brushes and either shook or tapped them so that the paint splattered onto the 12" triangular platter. The platter was then fired in a kiln so it will last for years to come.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Circle Room**

208

## Crescent Room Platter

This white ceramic platter is decorated with the colorful handprints of our Crescent Room children. The platter is 13" x 8.5" and is glazed for ease of use and washing and to keep the colors bright.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Crescent Room**

209

## Jackson Pollock Inspired Quilt

Our Heart Room children used fabric paint, markers, and dye in a variety of ways to decorate a white queen-sized quilt with a Jackson Pollock-inspired abstract design. Quilt is machine washable.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Heart Room**



# Classroom Creations

210

## Triangle Room Trio of Canvases

A trio of 11" x 16" canvas paintings, each featuring a flower in shades of either blue, green or yellow. Each of the flower petals has been painted by a Triangle Room child using one of a variety of painting techniques, including watercolor, salt painting, marble painting, and painting with toys, among others. The canvases can be displayed individually or as a set.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Triangle Room**

211

## Diamond Room CCC Logo Canvases

To make these collaborative art pieces, the Diamond Room teachers taped the outlines of the shapes featured in the CCC logo onto two 16" x 20" canvases. The children painted over the outlines using a colorful variety of acrylic paints that they selected in a class vote. The outlines were then removed, leaving behind in the colors the white shapes featured in the CCC logo. The children's names and fingerprints are on the back of the canvas.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Diamond Room**

212

## Star Room Tray

This white 12" x 20" serving tray features the children's colorful handprints surrounding this year's unofficial classroom motto, "All Are Welcome."

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Star Room**

# Classroom Creations

213

## Loose Parts Hexagon Rainbow Canvases

Our Hexagon Room children used loose parts to create this pair of colorful hexagons. The children helped to select the loose parts and create the hexagons on these two 24" x 18" canvases.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donated by: Hexagon Room**



# Raffle Prizes

## Raffle Prize #1

### 2012 Dom Perignon Champagne

The Roll Royce of Champagnes! It is a preferred drink of James Bond, but 007 is not the only on-screen character to sip these bubbles. Jennifer Aniston (Friends) Dan Akroyd (The Blues Brothers), Sarah Jessica Parker (Sex and the City), Bruce Willis (Die Hard III), Arsenio Hall (Coming to America) and MANY MORE have enjoyed Dom on screen. Join them in celebrating with a bottle of this regal bubbly.

**Retail Value: \$300.00**

**Donated by: Phil and Kara Barr**

## Raffle Prize #2

### 2017 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon MAGNUM

Home to the biggest release party in Napa Valley every year, Silver Oak makes a wine that is uniquely American. Silver Oak's fan base for its rich cabernet includes Oprah Winfrey, Lebron James and Matthew McConaughey, to name a few. Gather your family and friends, fire up the grill, and enjoy this MAGNUM Bottle of Silver Oak Cabernet.

*Critics Note: 96 Points, James Suckling - This is a big upgrade in finesse and clarity to such a popular, premium cabernet from Napa. It shows lots of blackberry, tar, cedar and oak-tree aromas that follow through to a full yet toned palate of fine, integrated tannins and a vivid finish.*

*Owner David Duncan explained that the American oak they use in the wine for aging now comes 100% from their own barrel-making facilities, which tones down the vanilla character in the wine. Really impressive and delicious, it's a joy to drink now or can age.*

**Retail Value: \$350.00**

**Donated by: Phil and Kara Barr**



# Raffle Prizes

## Raffle Prize #3

### 2015 Opus One, Bordeaux Blend, Napa Valley California

This wine started in 1979 as a collaboration between Robert Mondavi and the Rothschilds of Bordeaux and was quickly made famous in restaurants around the world. This is one of the best California wines year in and year out. No need to find a special occasion ... opening this bottle IS the special occasion. Save it for 20 years or open now and enjoy ... the choice is yours!

*Critics Note: 97 Points, Antonio Galloni Vinous- The 2015 Opus One is a terrific example of the year. Super-ripe and flamboyant in style, with tons of fruit pushed forward, the 2015 has a lot to offer. Today, the primary intensity of the fruit and some of the new oak need time to subside, but there is a lot to look forward to. A rush of super-ripe red cherry, plum, mocha, espresso and wildflowers build into the huge, creamy finish.*

**Retail Value: \$350**

**Donated by: Phil and Kara Barr**

## Raffle Prize #4

### Inn at Hastings Park Overnight

Do you and your partner need a break but don't have much time? Enjoy a one-night stay for two, including Champagne Brunch or High Tea, at the Inn at Hastings Park, right next door in Lexington! The Boston area's only Relais & Châteaux property, the Inn features stylishly luxurious accommodations that celebrate Lexington's historic heritage with a contemporary American aesthetic. Expires February 2025.

**Retail Value: \$850.00**

**Donated by: Inn at Hastings Park**



# Gift Card Grab Bag

Thank you to the following merchants and organizations who have contributed to our gift card grab bag:

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