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## LIVE AUCTION

### **1. Breakfast with the Dinosaurs for 10**

Wake up and head back in time for a one-of-a-kind adventure. Nineteen animatronic giant dinosaurs will capture your appetite and attention during this private, behind-the-scenes gourmet breakfast experience. Your exploration will begin at the center of the Zoo on the DinoTrail – weaving through three acres of roaring, moving prehistoric creatures. A personal guide will introduce you to well-known colossal reptiles such as Tyrannosaurus rex and Triceratops as well as some lesser-known Stone Age celebrities such as Muttaborrasaurus and Iguanodon. Guests will receive a gift bag souvenir as a reminder of their prehistoric adventure! (To take place on a mutually agreeable date and time before September 4, 2009. Guests may include children 7 years or older.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

### **2. Resort Vacation for 4 – One Week Any Time, Anywhere**

Will it be Ireland, England, the Mediterranean... or perhaps Arizona, Hawaii, Florida or South Carolina? It's up to you! Use this one week timeshare for up to four people any time and anywhere at one of 5,071 fabulous resorts. (Package for up to four people includes one week at any resort RCI has available at the time of booking. All RCI transaction fees have been paid. All-inclusive fees, transportation and state/country lodging taxes or surcharges are not included. Expires August 30, 2010.)

*Courtesy of Dan Catrinar*

### **3. Bidder's Choice – Decadent Dining with the Animals**

Choose from an elegant dinner for 12 with the polar bears, giraffes or great apes. This is an extraordinary experience you won't soon forget. Executive Chef James Barr of Dining in the Wild! will help you select just the right elegant fare for this amazing evening. Previously with Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills and Opus One in Detroit, Chef James is truly a master of his craft and

has received rave reviews from our guests. (Date to be mutually agreed upon with six weeks advance notice. Must be redeemed by June 1, 2010.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society and Dining in the Wild! Detroit Zoo Catering*

**4. Spectacular Spoonbill Feeding for 6**

You don't have to wade through the marshes and lagoons for an up-close experience with the spoonbills. Just wait... they will come right up to you! The Detroit Zoo's bird staff will guide your group of six on a private behind-the-scenes tour of their African waterhole habitat and share details about the award-winning captive propagation program. This extraordinary experience will include the opportunity to hand feed these unique birds and meet a few of the newest chicks. Don't miss out - these memories will last a lifetime! (To take place on a mutually agreeable date and time before June 1, 2010. Participants must be 8 years or older.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

**5. Detroit Tigers Owner's Suite for 18**

Watch the boys of summer in style from Detroit Tigers CEO and General Manager David Dombrowski's suite. This luxury Tiger's package includes 18 tickets, three parking passes as well as an opportunity for four to watch batting practice on the field. (Game date is Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 7:05 p.m. against the Baltimore Orioles. Suite does not include food or beverages.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Tigers*

**6. Rhino Rendezvous for 4**

Rendezvous with the rhinos and experience one of the world's most endangered animals up-close and personal. The winning bidder and three guests will have a rare opportunity to go behind the scenes with the rhino keepers for a personal experience with some of the most remarkable creatures on earth. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience with the Detroit Zoo's gentle giants Jasiri and Tamba. (To take place on a mutually agreeable date and time before June 1, 2010. Participants must be 8 years or older.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

**7. Zoo-rific Light Pole Banner**

You, your child or grandchild will be prominently displayed on one Zoo light pole promotional banner for all guests to see during the months of June, July and August 2010. The banner will be yours to keep! (Photo will be taken by the Detroit Zoological Society at a mutually agreed upon date.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

**8. Polar Bear and Seal Feeding for 6**

Ever wonder what a seal looks like up close or what the Zoo's polar bears eat? This is your chance to find out in person! The winning bidder and up to five guests will experience the award-winning Arctic Ring of Life like never before. This encounter includes a private Frederick and Barbara Erb Polar Passage tour, the opportunity to meet the seals and the chance to go where very few have been - the Nunavut Gallery rooftop - to feed the polar bears. (To take place on a mutually agreeable date between August 2009 and August 2010. Participants must be 8 years or older and be accompanied by an adult.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

**9. New York City Culinary Excursion for 2**

Enjoy three days and two nights in the Big Apple with deluxe accommodations at The Plaza. Take your time indulging in every aspect of this unforgettable experience in the newly renovated contemporary hotel. Then enjoy a day of vibrant flavor and character as you participate in a cooking class at the Institute of Culinary Education and explore several area restaurants. Your class choices include Great New York Restaurants' Signature Dishes, Essentials of Provencal Cooking, a Pasta Workshop and more. Top it all off with dinner and wine tasting at Le Bernardin by sampling the signature dishes of renowned seafood chef Eric Ripert. Le Bernardin was voted 15<sup>th</sup> best in the world according to *Restaurant* magazine for 2009 and is one of only four restaurants in New York awarded three Michelin stars. (Hotel package includes two nights in deluxe accommodations. Room taxes apply. Subject to availability at time of booking. No expiration date.)

*Courtesy of a Friend of the Zoo*

**10. Bears and Bubbly in the Arctic Ring of Life**

You and up to 49 guests will be treated to a private champagne and heavy hors d'oeuvres reception at the Detroit Zoo's Arctic Ring of Life. Guests will have the opportunity to interact with an animal keeper, watch polar bears swim in the water above them in the Frederick and Barbara Erb Polar Passage and view the seals. (Package includes two drinks per guest. To take place on a mutually agreeable date and time before June 1, 2010.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

**11. Lions, Tigers and Wolverines for 6**

Lions, tigers and wolverines – oh my! On this private tour for six, guests will make piñatas and then watch as the animals play with the created pieces. The experience includes a private tour of these habitats and a personalized keeper talk. This is a unique opportunity to participate in animal enrichment which improves the welfare of our animals by providing physical, social and environmental conditions to engage them in species-typical behaviors. (To take place on a mutually agreeable date and time before June 1, 2010.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

**12. Sonoma Winery Excursion for 2**

You and a guest will be treated to deluxe accommodations for four days and three nights at The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa. Perhaps you will spend the day with a golf pro or just relax at the world class spa... it's all up to you! But one thing's for sure; you will never forget the exclusive six-hour winery tour featuring three private appointments with winemakers and boutique winery owners. The exclusive "insider" experience includes a gourmet lunch at the wine maker's home, winecave or their private vineyard. (Hotel package for two includes three nights in deluxe accommodations and daily breakfast for two. Room taxes apply. Subject to availability at time of booking. No expiration date.)

*Courtesy of Golling Chrysler Jeep Dodge and a Friend of the Zoo*

**13. Cruising and Cocktails on Lake St. Clair**

If you like it fast and delicious, this is the lot for you! Enjoy a three-hour cruise aboard the "Wendy K", a vintage yacht with a captain, crew and fuel included. You can bring up to 34 of your friends – that's right, 34! Celebratory hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages are included. The boat leaves

from Jefferson Beach Marina dock. (Valid for the 2009 season only, through October 1, 2009; Monday through Thursday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Date must be agreed on by both parties.)

*Courtesy of Wendy K Charters, LLC and the Detroit Zoological Society*

#### **14. Detroit Lions Sideline Experience**

Cheer on the team from the sidelines! The winning bidder of this fabulous experience will enjoy four pre-game sideline passes and four club seat tickets to the Sunday, September 20, 2009 Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings game at Ford Field. As a souvenir, the winning bidder will take home an autographed Detroit Lions team football this evening.

*Courtesy of the Detroit Lions*

#### **15. Bidder's Choice – Name a Lioness**

Rescued from the dilapidated enclosures of a private owner in Kansas, two of our newest arrivals are lionesses. The winning bidders will each name one of them. You'll be in the spotlight as the name choices will be highlighted on the Zoo website, in our member magazine *Habitat* and included in press releases. (Names subject to Zoo approval.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

#### **16. Movie Director for a Day**

Jump into the hot film industry in Michigan! The winning bidder and a friend will enjoy a private tour by director, cinematographer and producer John P. Lauri of J. Lauri Filmworks at the 42,000-square-foot Stage 3 Studios in Warren, Michigan. The experience includes the opportunity to be on set during production where you will see how a motion picture or TV show is filmed. Also included is lunch, meeting of the actors and crew and a green-screen filming of you in action with an edited DVD copy as a keepsake. (Date to be mutually agreed upon on or before June 30, 2010. Participants must be 16 years of age or older.)

*Courtesy of J. Lauri Filmworks*

#### **17. Top Gun – Fighter Jet for a Day**

Pilot an SF-260 NATO Attack Fighter for the thrill of a lifetime! Sitting next to a top gun pilot, you will practice formation flying and basic maneuvers and engage in aerial dogfights. Your entire flight will be preserved on video for you to treasure. In addition, you will receive a Top Gun trophy award for showing off the experience. (Available dates: July 11-13 or October 3-5, 2009.)

*Courtesy of a Friend of the Zoo*

#### **18. Every Child Needs a Detroit Zoo Field Trip!**

A "Day at the Zoo" will bring science education and experiences with wildlife to local underserved children in need. Sponsoring a field trip includes Zoo admission, a nutritious lunch, Tauber Family Railroad or Wild Adventure Simulator Ride, transportation and parking (bus fees are often one of the greatest barriers in funding field trips), in-class and on-site education materials and chaperone expenses.

*Courtesy of you!*

**19. Fabulous Fall Hayride Twilight Tour for 12**

Spend a crisp fall evening touring the Zoo in style on a tractor-pulled hayride! The winning bidder and up to 11 guests will have the Zoo all to themselves while enjoying cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a guided twilight hayride throughout the Zoo. This opportunity has never been offered before and will include keeper talks and a chance to experience the Zoo like never before! (For a mutually agreeable date in September or October 2009.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

**20. Adopt an Animal Habitat for One Year**

Your name or company's name will be prominently displayed on an animal habitat for one year starting July 2009. Choose from habitats with new arrivals: camels, red pandas, takins or tree kangaroos. The winning bidder and up to nine friends will be our guests for a celebratory unveiling of the habitat sign and a keeper talk. The sign will be seen by more than one million visitors this year – think about the exposure! You'll even get to keep the sign as a great memento.

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

**21. Meet the Aardvarks**

For the second time in six months, the Detroit Zoo is celebrating the birth of an aardvark! The winning bidder and three guests will have the exclusive opportunity to meet the Detroit Zoo's aardvarks. In a very special opportunity, a keeper will introduce you to the entire aardvark family: Rachael, Mchimbaji and Amani (born December 8, 2008) as well as Lily, Amybob and Erdferkel (born May 23, 2009). (To take place on a mutually agreeable date and time before June 1, 2010.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society*

**22. Zoo Birthday Celebration and Sleepover**

Every birthday should be this memorable! The guest of honor and up to 19 friends (children or adults) will enjoy an adventurous party full of entertaining surprises that will last all night long. After indulging in dinner, dessert and a few games, the group will embark on two tours (one at dusk and one nocturnal experience) to discover *Animals After Dark*. The overnight is filled with crafts, s'mores by the campfire and an educational presentation. The night will be spent in the Ford Education Center followed by a morning walk through the Zoo to see animals as they come out into their habitats. Breakfast will be served outside of one of the habitats. (Date to be mutually agreed upon with a minimum of six weeks advance notice. Must be redeemed by June 1, 2010. Adult-to-child ratio must be 1:1.)

*Courtesy of the Detroit Zoological Society and Dining in the Wild! Detroit Zoo Catering*

**23. A Super Suite Experience**

Cheer on the Detroit Tigers with this premiere suite #109 for 18 people with three parking passes and \$600 in food and beverage credit on Sunday August 9, 2009 vs. the Minnesota Twins.

*Courtesy of Health Plan of Michigan, Inc.*