From:  The National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey State Convention Host Committee

Submitted by:  Ellen Sullivan, Interim Secretary

Greetings to all!

I hope you are excited about our upcoming State Convention!  If you are attending the state convention, super! If you are not attending the state convention we would love for you to plan to attend next year! Please look at the updated auction list provided below. These generous donations make our state convention fun and festive and help to raise money for our Affiliate.

Also included are other items of interest. If you are not planning to attend the State Convention, please see the information about NFB T-Shirts and Polo Shirts. These may be purchased by all!

We will be calling out door prizes throughout the convention and we hope everyone will be a lucky winner! Thanking all in advance for your continued support and participating in this very important state wide event! We can live the life we want; blindness is not what holds us back!

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There are ten items of interest in the email and in the attached word file:

Item 1: Updated List of Auction Items, more will arrive. All auction items will be on displayed throughout the convention in Crystal Ballroom C. We will try to auction some of the items on Friday afternoon, evening, Saturday morning and especially at the state banquet.

Item 2: M & M Guessing Game

Item 3: Raffle

Item 4: Apple MFI Certified] 10 foot Lightning Cable iPhone Charger
Item 5: NFB Logo Wine Glasses

Item 6: NFB Logo T-shirts
Item 7: NFB Logo Polo Shirts

Item 8: White Cane Collection Drive

Item 9: Food Pantry Donations

Item 10: Grab and Go Lunch Selection and Hotel Lunch Menu

 Item 1: NFBNJ State Convention auction items listed below:

1. Tactile Microwave with Cool Touch Microwave Bowl 4-Piece Measuring Cup Set Orange and Black 6-Piece Measuring Spoon Set Orange and Black 17 " Flame Retardant Oven Mitt NorproGrip E-Z 12 Inch Locking Spatula/Tongs (This is all in one very large gift bag)

2. $75 Gift card from Whole Foods

3. $100 Amazon Gift Card and $25 Marshalls Gift Card from At Large Chapter

4. $100 Gift card from Wegmans

5. Two “Sailing for Vision with Visual Experience Foundation” Certificates for two Passengers (at least one must be blind/vision impaired) for Sailing in the bay, lunch, clamming and a general great experience.  Expires 10-31-2019. (Value estimated as $200).

6. For those with a sweet tooth:  A bag of scrumptious snacks (cookies, candies, popcorn, chips, salsa) from Trader Joe’s

7. Lovely hand-made blanket measuring 114 inches by 100 inches in vibrant blue, pink, white and grey with 2 accompany colorful throw pillows

8. $200 TD Gift Card from JSR Tech Consulting

9. Two Auction Items from the Senior and Technology Divisions:  The bags are red canvas tote bags filled with emergency items including Flash light and batteries; Radio and batteries, Glow sticks, Poncho and blanket and more (Valued at $60)

10. Lovely Vera Bradley Handbag—roomy and light to carry from the Braille Division

11. Cozy Basket:  Contains hand crocheted cowl, satin and velvet patchwork throw in tan and gold, gourmet hot chocolate mix, white terry flop flops, tow octagonal porcelain cups and saucers, ScentStational plug-in lavender room freshener, two scented votive candles, Yardley Oatmeal and Almond moisturizing soap.

12. Basket from Zalli’s Shop Rite of Medford filled with gourmet Italian ingredients including olive oil, pasta, sauces and more!

13.  Sports and Recreation Division Basket: $50 AMC Cinema Gift Card, Six Dot Dash Commemorative shirt and tote bag, water bottle, brand new bicycle shirt size XL and an accessible pedometer.

14. WAWA Gift Basket filled with coupons, Gift card and WAWA swag!  (we have 3 of these)

15. Amazing Michael Kors Leather handbag and wallet

16. Colorful and beautiful Vera Bradley tote and a Vera Bradley cosmetic case in one basket form the Garden State Chapter (Valued at $146)

17. A gift box set with perfumes and other beauty items from Lord and Taylor, Bridgewater, NJ.

18.  Starbucks Gift Bag: Two pounds of gourmet coffee with 4 lovely mugs (estimated value: $50)

19. Wood framed drawing of a tactile 8" x 10" canvas of “Hands Reading Braille” by Artist Jon Gabry (Auction)

20. A Touch of Ireland”: Irish mug and breakfast tea as well as a tea bag cozy,  shortbread cookies, two candy bars and three Irish ornaments.

21. High heel shoe wine bottle holder with red wine Ruffino bottle; Six James Patterson audiobooks:   Private Down Under, NYPD Red 4, 14th Deadly Sin, Cross My Heart, Private India: City on Fire, Kill Me if You Can; two smoked cheese blends; two Summer sausages; two jars of green olives;  Tea cup with tea: bag of Dunkin’ Donuts coffee

22. Ruffino white wine; Six audio books: Michael Crichton Dealing, or the Berkeley to Boston forty brick last bag blues, Michael Crichton A Case of Need, Harry Turtledove Hitler’s War, Harry Turtledove West and East, Charles Finch, Home by Nightfall, Mathew Reilly The Tournament; A 6 Pack of Microwave Popcorn and 20 piece assortment of candy bars

23. Raffino white wine;  Six audio books: Blake Crouch Desert Places, Blake Crouch Break You, Blake Crouch Locked Door, David Baldacci, The Last Mile; Joseph Finder The Fixer,  Andrew Caches, Another Life; A 6 Pack of Microwave Popcorn and 20 Assorted candy bars

24. Raffino white wine;  Six audio books: Clive Cussler, The Emperor’s Revenge, Brad Meltzer, The President’s Shadow, Randy Wayne, Cuba Straits, Cliff Walker, Bruce Desilva, Johnathan Kellerman, The Golem of Paris, Robin Cook, Host; A 6 Pack of Microwave Popcorn and 15 Assorted candy bars

Item 2: M & M Guessing Game; Coordinator Mary Jo Partyka
Guess the number of M & M’s in the container; 2 guesses for $5.00. Prize will be $50.00 Cash, $50.00 in gift cards and 1 NFB Logo Wine Glass

Item 3: Raffle; Coordinator Linda Mackey
Purchase 5 raffle tickets for $5.00 or purchase 15 raffle tickets for $10.00 or super value deal of purchasing 30 raffle tickets at same time for $20.00  and get 1 NFB Logo Wine Glass for free while supplies last. Prize will be $100.00 in cash; $100.00 in gift cards and Apple MFI Certified] 10 foot Lightning Cable iPhone Charger

Item 4: Apple MFI Certified 10 foot Lightning Cable iPhone Charger
Toughest and Durable 8pin Charging Cord White; compatible with all lightning devices; wall jack not included. Price is $20.00 each; Limited quantities available

Item 5: NFB Logo Wine Glasses:
8 oz. Napa Wine Glasses; blazoned with the NFB National logo in a stunning black silhouette packed in a sturdy cardboard box for traveling. Price: One glass for $10.00 or two for $15.00

Item 6: National Federation of the Blind T-Shirts; Coordinator Anne Marie Harris
Men’s Sizes: small, medium, large, extra-large, 2x, 3x and 4x

Shirts are red with white logo and lettering over the left breast pocket reads National Federation of the Blind; on the back of the shirt in two lines reads Live the Life You Want. The price is $15.00 each

Item 7: National Federation of the Blind Polo Shirts; Coordinator Anne Marie Harris
Men’s Sizes small, medium, large, extra-large, 2x, 3x and 4x.

Shirts are red with white logo and lettering over the left breast pocket reads underneath the logo in white is National Federation of the Blind Live the Life You Want. Since this is a polo shirt there is no lettering on the back. The price is $20.00 each.

For additional information on the T-Shirts and Polo Shirts please contact Anne Marie Harris at 856 589 8747 or by email at Lovey1160@gmail.com

Item 8: White Cane Collection Drive: For the second year in a row we will be running a cane drive at our annual NFBNJ state convention. After convention the canes and cane parts will be shipped to Kustom Cane in Tennessee. They will then refurbish the canes and send them to blind people all over the world who do not have the same luxury access to canes as we do. Last year we got over 30 canes from members donating at convention, and many of them were sent to Africa, and they were all so grateful. Please bring unwanted canes of all sizes, unwanted cane tips or other random parts of broken canes, to state convention. Please drop off at the pre-registration table on Friday. On Saturday, bring to the door prize table, Veronica Gaspa, coordinator. If you are not able to make it to convention this year, but have unwanted canes or cane parts, or have any other questions please contact Vee Gaspa at veronica.gaspa@student.shu.edu or 434-989-1868.

Item 9: Food Pantry Donations: Please drop off your items at the Registration area.

Item 10: Grab and Go Lunch Selection and Hotel Lunch Menu

Boxed Lunches -To be Sold Outside of Crystal Room

Box 1:   Garden Salad, Chips, Cookie & Beverage

Box 2: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Cookie & Beverage

Box 3: Tuna Sandwich, Chips, Cookie & Beverage

Box 4: Veggie Wrap, Chips, Cookie & Beverage

Assorted Soft Drink or Bottled on Ice

$15.00 per Person

OLIO LOUNGE:

Lunch Buffet:

Soup Du Jour

Field Greens served with Cucumber, Red Onion and Grape Tomatoes

Bowtie Pasta Salad

Deli Platter of Meats & Cheese:

Honey Baked Ham,  Griggstown Turkey, Slow Roasted Roast Beef. American, Swiss

Deli Garnishes:

Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Mayo, Mustard, Horseradish, Dijon, & Brooklyn Pickles

Assorted Breads & Rolls

Chips

Cookies

Chef's Choice of Hot Pasta

$15.00 per Person