

### *What is a Gift Gathering Party?*

*A gift gathering party is an opportunity for people to get together, have fun, and bring a gift donation for the Auction.*

A party can be as simple or elaborate as you like. It can be a theme-based party or a friendly neighborhood gathering. Gift gathering parties have proven to be an integral part of the success of the Ultimate Auction. The parties play an important role in the gathering of donations for the Auction. Ursuline has neighborhood gift gathering parties in April and then an incoming freshman gift gathering party for parents and their daughters held the first Friday night of school in September. Parties are hosted by current parents who graciously open their home and provide a social opportunity to become acquainted with other parents and friends of the community, while collecting donated items for the Auction.

What types of items are donated at gift gathering parties? Items can be as simple as cash donations, gift certificates to restaurants, sporting event tickets, tickets to concerts or plays, holiday items, shopping sprees, or collectibles. Gifts can also be as elaborate as a vacation condo, frequent flyer miles, a lease on a car, or a luxury box for 12 for a concert or sporting event, a chalet in France or anything in between.

What if I can't make it to the one I am invited to? We will also publish a list of parties on the school website under Giving/Auction, so if you can't make your neighborhood party, you can pick a party convenient for you. If you choose a party that you have not received an invitation to, please contact the host or the Development office so that proper arrangements and directions can be sent to you. You may choose to attend more than one party.

Who should I contact if I want to help with the Auction?

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