



US Empowered Absentee Bid Form

Even if you are unable to attend our Third Annual Graduation Gala on May 4, 2011, you can still participate in the excitement of our Live Auction by following the easy steps below. If you have any questions, please reach out to Leah Martin, Managing Director of Development (leah.martin@usempowered.org, 773-321-2630).

To place an absentee bid:

- 1) Print this form.
- 2) Fill in all information.
- 3) READ THE TERMS.
- 4) Return form in person, by fax or by email to:

US Empowered
Attn: Leah Martin
222 W. Ontario St., Suite 501
Chicago, IL 60654
Fax: (312) 202-0263
leah.martin@usempowered.org

All absentee bids must be received by Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 10:00am. Late bids cannot be processed.

Bidder Name: _____

Billing Address (including City, State & Zip): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Absentee bids must be guaranteed by a valid **credit card number** and **expiration date**, unless other arrangements have been made. If you are a successful bidder, you are more than welcome to pay by a different method if you wish.

Please circle: Visa Mastercard AmEx Discover

Card Number: _____

Exp Date: _____/_____

If you are a successful bidder, may we charge your purchases to this card? Yes No

Please execute these binding bids on my behalf. I have read and agree to the Terms written in the auction catalog, and the RULES listed below on this form.

Date _____ Signature _____ *Continued...*



Please list the **MAXIMUM** amount you wish to bid. We will try to buy for you at the lowest possible price.

Item Name	Maximum Bid
Join Mr. Cub for the Ultimate Wrigley Experience	\$
The Second City Conquers The Big Apple	\$
Take Me Out To The Ballgame &...Fore!	\$
Beauty and Respite in Jackson Hole	\$
Hand-Selected Instant Wine Cellar	\$
Tuscan Villa for Eight	\$

RULES FOR ABSENTEE BIDDERS:

1. Absentee bids are subject to all the Terms written in the auction catalog. Be sure you read and understand them.
2. By sending this form, you request and authorize US Empowered to bid on the lots listed on this form up to the stated bid price. A Gala staff member will bid on your behalf, as if you were present and bidding. The staff member will try to buy your package for you at the lowest possible bid. To protect the integrity of the bidding process, it is our policy not to disclose the amount of an absentee bid to other potential bidders.
3. We assume no responsibility for failure to execute these bids for any reason whatsoever.
4. All items are sold as is where is. See Terms in the auction catalog.
5. Bid increments are at the auctioneer’s discretion. Odd absentee bid figures will be rounded down. (i.e. \$127.34 is treated as \$125)

TERMS FROM AUCTION CATALOG:

1. The Live Auction will begin shortly after 8:00PM.
2. To bid, raise your paddle with the number visible to the Auctioneer. Gala committee spotters will be available to assist the Auctioneer in noting your bid. Use only the paddle number assigned to you.
3. The highest bidder of any item, as acknowledged by the Auctioneer, will be the purchaser. Questions of priority and procedure shall be decided by the Auctioneer, whose decision shall be final and binding. In the event of any dispute between bidders, the Auctioneer shall have sole and final discretion to determine the successful bidder or to re-offer the item in dispute.
4. Upon Auctioneer’s indication of “Sold”, title to the item will pass to the highest bidder who thereupon assumes full risk and responsibility.
5. All sales are final, no exchanges or refunds.
6. You will receive a receipt for your purchases at the end of the evening, or one will be mailed to you.
7. Values set forth are estimates only, unless otherwise specified, and are not warranted by the Gala for tax purposes or general value.
8. By his or her purchase, the buyer waives any claims for liabilities against US Empowered or the donor of the respective item or service. Neither US Empowered nor the donor is responsible for any personal injuries or damage that may result from the use of property or services sold.
9. While every effort has been made to describe items correctly, all items and services are sold “as is.”
10. All auction items and services must be used within the time limits stated and are subject to the terms and conditions stipulated by the donors. Please note that all accommodations are subject to availability. Exact dates and detailed conditions must be arranged in advance by the purchaser with US Empowered and the donor. All noted restrictions and blackout dates apply.
11. US Empowered assumes no responsibility for the validity of description, authenticity, or condition of any item offered and reserves the right to withdraw any item at any time before the actual sale.
12. Acceptance of a winning bid for silent or live auction item by the auction officials and/or auctioneer will result in a legally binding contract between US Empowered and the winning bidder.