

LIVE AUCTION

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Special thanks to the 2019 Children's Art Auction Committee for their hard work in putting tonight's event together.

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LOT 1: RAINBOW GARDEN

Acrylic on Canvas

Art by Tamari, age 10

"It's a rainbow garden. It's colorful and grows sparkles, who can be sad in a place like that?"

I bet you didn't know sparkles grew in rainbow gardens. Tamari does! Still, Tamari is always on the lookout for rainbows. She would stay outside and play all day if her mom would let her. When she has to be indoors, Tamari's favorite things are making slime and squishies in lots of colors, just like her rainbow. Tamari and her brothers and sisters, all seven of them, have been part of the ForKids family for four years. Even though they've had a place to call home for a number of years, Tamari and most of her family still participate in the afterschool education program and have created epic pieces of art for the auction in past years!



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LOT 2: GOOD GRAPES

2 Nights Out for 8 at Press 626

Press 626 & Press Wine Bar invite you to two exciting nights filled with fine wine, food and friends. First, Press Wine Bar invites you and 7 guests to a **4-course wine dinner** where you will be spoiled by the unmatched hospitality at the Shore Drive location in Virginia Beach. Renowned Chef Rodrick Lawson will use the finest seasonal ingredients to create a fabulous menu of sweet and savory eats that have been described as decadent in *Savor Virginia* magazine, topped off with desserts rich in flavors and textures. With over 600 bottles to choose from, Sommelier/Owner Lindsay Bennett will pair each course with the perfect wine!



If you like learning about wine as much as you love drinking it, you and 7 guests will enjoy a private **wine seminar** held in the Speakeasy Wine Lounge located in the Ghent location in Norfolk. In a cool, casual adult atmosphere, all eight of you will sample 6 or 7 different wines while Sommelier Brett Helke explains the regions, wine making techniques and grape varieties that make up the wine in your glass. Seminars are held Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm. Fruit and cheeses are served.

Expires October 31, 2019. 30-day notice is requested. Gratuity is not included.

Generously donated by Lindsay and Edward Bennett

LOT 3: GOOD & GREAT

Acrylic on Canvas

Collaboration by Artist Solomon Isekeije and ForKids Norfolk Kids

The ForKids kids in our Norfolk Beyond the Bell program were delighted to have the opportunity to work with internationally acclaimed artist Solomon Isekeije to bring to life this vivid portrait. He took time to show the kids how to draw a face and the measurements of proportion, to which one little boy said, "I know it's art but there's some science in there too!" Solomon's kind words during the guided art process instilled confidence in the kids, one of whom said, "These colors make me feel good and great because I am an artist!"



Solomon Isekeije's works have been exhibited in China, Japan, Nigeria, the United States of America and South Korea among other places. Delighting in experimentation, Solomon is a multi-talented artist who works in a wide range of art media. His pieces are displayed in private collections all over the world. Solomon is currently Director of the Art Department at Norfolk State University.

LOT 4: FORGET ME NOT

Colorado One-Week Stay for 6

A Rocky Mountain high in Colorado! Enjoy this one of a kind home minutes to Beaver Creek and Vail resorts in the summer or winter, with breathtaking mountain top views out every window. This stunning home sleeps six with two master suites, a third bedroom, four bathrooms and two living rooms complete with three fireplaces, a spacious deck and hot tub. Watch movies in the home theater or shoot a game of pool in the billiard room when you're not out skiing, snowboarding, skating and snowshoeing in winter or biking, hiking, fishing and whitewater rafting in summer. Hiking trails are just out the door. Ski meccas and much more are minutes away. Includes \$600 toward the activities of your choice. If you agree that skiing is the next best thing to having wings or that breathtaking vistas on a summer's hike take you away from earthly concerns, then this is the package for you.

The package must be used between March 30, 2019 - March 30, 2020. Blackout dates include all major holidays. No blackout dates if bidding exceeds \$20,000.

Generously donated by Kim and Andrew Fink



LOT 5: ROOT TO RISE

Beeswax on Canvas

Collaboration by Artist Letitia Lee and ForKids Chesapeake Kids

The children in our Chesapeake Beyond the Bell program bloomed under the tutelage of Hampton born and raised artist Letitia Lee to create this root to rise inspired encaustic painting. Using an ancient technique dating back to the Greeks, the heated beeswax was mixed with colored pigments to add richness and vibrancy to the warm sun-kissed background. The roots burrow firmly into the ground clinging to their place in the soil. The hues leaves tilt their faces towards an early sunrise, expectant and full of hope.

Generously framed by Wiley Francisco of Calvin & Lloyd



LOT 6: SAVORY BOUQUET

Private In-Home Dinner for 8 with Chef Harper Bradshaw of Harper's Table

Invite 7 of your dearest friends to a memorable dinner in your home by award-winning Chef Harper Bradshaw of Harper's Table. Harper, steeped in the food traditions of the Tidewater region, sets out to spoil each guest with his uniquely Southern menus showcasing local produce, freshly caught seafood and the highest quality meats from nearby farms. Carefully selected wines and Harper's enthusiastic hospitality ensure an epic time will be had by all. Harper's Table in downtown Suffolk has been ranked #1 restaurant in the region by *Coastal Virginia Magazine*, and Harper has been a featured chef at the James Beard House and *Distinction Magazine's* "Secret Supper Club." Unforgettable...every meal, every time - that's Harper's guarantee.



But wait, if bidding exceeds \$10,000, you can add an extra couple!

Expires March 30, 2020. Date to be mutually agreed on with Chef Harper. Please notify Harper of any special dietary needs/requests prior to the event.

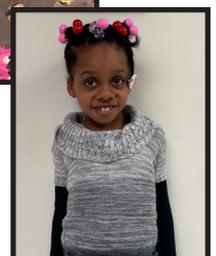
Generously donated by Harper & Laura Bradshaw

LOT 7: LOVE

Acrylic on Canvas
Art by Somalia, age 7

"It's simple, it's just all about love."

Somalia's simple design illustrates her outlook on life. According to Somalia, it's all about love. The Beyond the Bell program is right where she wants to be after school since some of her favorite things are math and multiplication. Although a little shy, Somalia loves to sing and wants to be a ballerina when she grows up. One more thing you should know about Somalia - she loves cake!!



Generously framed by Harbor Gallery

LOT 8: WATER GARDEN

One-Week Catamaran Trip for 2 to Belize

Need an amazing vacation? Surprise your special someone with a week-long escape for 2 on a luxurious catamaran as you travel to breathtaking Belize! Boasting endless beaches, rainforests, exotic flora and fauna and a sub-tropical climate, this hidden gem of the Caribbean is your epic destination. Enjoy all-inclusive pampering in a floating mini-hotel as the Captain steers you to a nature lover's paradise. Relax and let the onboard Chef prepare all of your meals (except two dinners on shore) and sip signature cocktails prepared nightly at the open bar. Use the water sports equipment as you explore the second largest Barrier Reef in the world, snorkeling through a wondrous undersea world of exotic species of fish and brilliant fan corals. Includes a \$1,200 Visa gift card for travel or further adventure.

Available dates March 2020 - September 2020. Must be booked by April 15, 2019.



Generously donated by Janice Thaler

LOT 9: TOMATO ALLERGY

Acrylic on Canvas
Art by Jordan, age 9

"That is a GIANT tomato plant. It grows really big tomatoes. I don't know why I painted it though, I can't even eat tomatoes. I'm allergic."

Even if he can't eat them, 9-year-old Jordan draws really big tomatoes that are whimsical, happy, and bright, reflecting his own personality. When asked to describe himself, his first response was, "I am funny at making noises" and he approaches life with an upbeat attitude. Jordan has been with ForKids for two years and lives with his mom, dad, brother, and sister. He is a math whiz who participates in Beyond the Bell and dreams of becoming a police officer when he grows up so that he can have a police dog. Jordan has faced many challenges as a kid, but his enthusiasm for life remains unbridled.



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LOT 10: SECRET GARDEN

\$35K+ Backyard Makeover

Host your own epic garden party in your new backyard oasis. Virginia Professional Landscape Architect Kimberly Edwards will lend her 32 years of experience to design your dream backyard. Kim will create your preferred garden palette, incorporating lush flowers, trees from Bennett's Creek and Winn Nurseries and a beautiful 8-foot-high fireplace with two wood storage boxes from Eagle Bay Hardscape Products. Conceptual Outdoor Design will provide delivery and installation of your new Eagle Bay fireplace. Get your pavers, fencing, garden furnishings or finishing touches with a \$5,000 gift card from Lowe's. As a bonus, Nansemond Pre-Cast Concrete will provide a Valencia firepit with a Zentro insert for grilling garden feasts. This package will take your entertaining to the next level, whether for you, your family or the whole neighborhood.

See www.forkids.org for complete details and specifications for fireplace and design. Plant and hardscape installation and gas connection not included.

Generously donated by Bennett's Creek Nursery, Conceptual Outdoor Design, Eagle Bay Hardscape Products, Kimberly Edwards, Lowe's, Nansemond Pre-Cast Concrete Co., Inc. and Winn Nursery



LOT 11: EPIPETRIC

[epi • pet • ric] adj. found growing on rocks

Hot Glass and Virginia Granite Collaboration by Artist Matt Fine and Jeanecia, age 14

Normally a student who excelled, Jeanecia's grades fell when she, her brother and mom entered Haven House in October 2016. The Norfolk Beyond the Bell staff says Jeanecia has a sweet nature and is willing to pitch in wherever needed. A fan of science, animals and the color pink, Jeanecia not only brought up her grades this semester, but she was named "Most Improved" in her class. Jeanecia was so happy when the family got housing because she could have sleepovers. "Don't get me wrong. I love my family," she said as she laughed, "but a girl needs to be around her friends some of the time. Geez."

Matthew Fine has been sculpting since 1983. Inspired by the interaction and juxtaposition of hot cast glass and granite, Matt shares, "There's a bit of imperfection in every aspect of my work, an undeniable relationship to the human condition." John Zapiecki, who assisted Matt and Jeanecia, began his glass blowing adventure at the Toledo Museum of Art in Ohio. He has a B.F.A. in glass blowing from Bowling Green State University. Jeanecia had so much to share about what she hoped this collaborative work would symbolize and she summed it up perfectly. "This piece is all the love in the world and it's growing out of a flower." She, Matt, and John worked together to grow her sentiment into an amazing work of art.



LOT 12: THE LAST BEST PLACE ON EARTH

Montana Elk Hunting Trip for 2

Escape to the soaring mountains of Montana's Big Sky, where wildlife is as abundant as the Serengeti. 30,000-acre Willow Creek Ranch in Livingston, Montana boasts one of the largest elk herds in the West. Each guest will be provided their own private eco cabin with luxury appointments throughout. Off the beaten path, but not lacking in amenities, you will enjoy a spectacular shooting range, stocked ponds, chef-prepared meals and a lodge for evening relaxation. Your hunt will be led by an experienced guide committed to respecting and conserving the animals and land of this private utopia. You will have the opportunity to harvest an elk and bring the high quality, free-range, lean, organic meat home.

Expires December 30, 2020. Trip can last up to a week and reservation dates will be based on the 2019-2020 elk hunting season which runs from approximately November 1 - mid-December. Guide and guest availability will be matched, as is typical for a trip of this kind.

Generously donated by Willow Creek Ranch



LOT 13: SARAH THE STAR

Watercolor

Art by Divine, age 10

"This is Sarah and her cat. She had a wishing star that gave her the prize of being famous. Her cat is named 'Ms. Dot.' By the time her wish came true, she became the leader of the United States."

A ForKids kid since 2015, Divine entered the program with her mother, older brother, younger sister and five younger brothers. In 2017, when her mother's health began to decline, Divine and her three brothers were placed with her grandmother in the ForKids housing program, where they currently live.

From a love of fractions and multiplication to her favorite books, DogMan and Captain Underpants, Divine keeps us entertained and on our toes with her humor, personality and tenacity in school. She is tiny but mighty. She impresses us with her courage and perseverance. "I just want to save the world," she says.

Generously framed by 21st Street Art Gallery



LOT 14: GREGARIOUS GARDEN GATHERING

Backyard Bash for 100 (x2)

Gather 100 of your closest neighborhood gnomes in your own backyard. With \$400 of party rentals from Virginia Special Events, a one-of-a-kind ice luge from Ice Art and food and libations for 100, a good time will be had by all. Two “bashes” are available but this Lot will be auctioned only ONCE: highest bidder will select their preferred bash; second highest bidder wins the other.

- Bash #1 includes Jamaican fare from Island Jerk Hut, sides from Southside BBQ and tunes by Marilyn & Bob Johns
- Bash #2 includes catering by Beach Bully BBQ and party music by J & the Band

Whatever the occasion, you can't go wrong with good friends, good food and good music.

Expires March 30th, 2020.

Generously donated by Beach Bully BBQ, Island Jerk Hut, Southside BBQ, Virginia Special Events, Ice Art Inc., Marilyn & Bob Johns and J & the Band



LOT 15: HERE COMES THE SUN

Acrylic and Charcoal on Canvas

Collaboration by Artist Helen Kessler and ForKids Norfolk Kids

From London to California to Norfolk, Helen Kessler developed her colorful, larger-than-life style through a background in fashion and design. A Former ForKids Board member and current Charlottesville artist, Helen traveled to Norfolk to create this work of art with a group of kids in our Permanent Supportive Housing program who are new to Beyond the Bell. From dripping paint to using squeegees to move and blend colors, the interactive experience was one our kids won't soon forget. They declared “teamwork makes the dream work!” Here Comes the Sun shining brightly onto the sea of homes in this 48” x 48” painting. We love how the sun comes out.

Generously framed by Wiley Francisco of Calvin & Lloyd



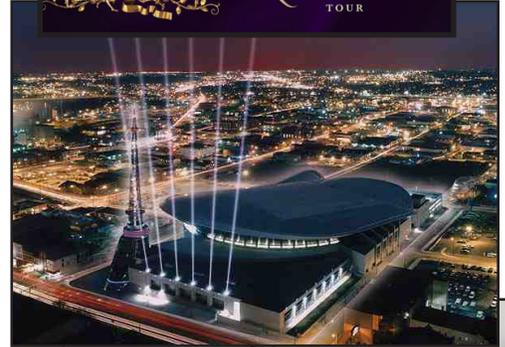
LOT 16: A PERENNIAL FAVORITE

Nashville Trip for 4 and “The Rhapsody Tour” with Queen + Adam Lambert

Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy? You and three guests will fly from Norfolk to Nashville for three nights, Wednesday, August 14th – Saturday, August 17th, where you will stay in a private 1,100 s.f. apartment featuring two bedrooms with king beds and fine linens, two full baths, a chef-inspired kitchen, living room and furnished balcony. With a cocktail bar serving drinks, light fare, coffee and a light breakfast on site, the apartment is just a 7-minute walk to downtown Nashville and Bridgestone Arena. There, on Thursday, August 15th, you will experience the “The Rhapsody Tour” with Queen and the wonderfully flamboyant Adam Lambert. According to Queen guitarist Brian May, “We have decided to rip it apart and get even more ambitious! Watch out, America!” Queen’s magic endures. Four Southwest roundtrip tickets with open booking dates complete this package.

All concert and accommodations dates are pre-booked and cannot be changed. August 14 – August 17, 2019.

Generously donated by Southwest



LOT 17: VROOM VROOM

Acrylic on Canvas Art by Mark, age 10

“I’m going to invent this super-fast car. That’s me driving it to the store to get car parts to make it go even faster. Once it’s fast, I’m going to take it to get cheeseburgers at a Cowboys game.”

Cars, Cowboys, and cheeseburgers...what’s not to love! Lively, inventive and colorful, ‘Vroom Vroom’ radiates 10-year-old Mark’s energy and reveals not only his favorite things, but also his dream of becoming a racecar driver. Actually, not just any car. To be precise, Camaros are his passion. He has blossomed in Beyond the Bell and is a fantastic reader. Mark and his five siblings are firmly rooted in ForKids’ Permanent Supportive Housing with their father, providing them the stability they need to achieve their dreams.



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LOT 18: SOW YOUR SEA OATS

One Week at 15-bedroom OBX Home & In-Home Dinner for 20 by Chef Wes of Red Sky Café

If breathtaking ocean views and a palatial beach-access home are your idea of heaven, meet the 15-bedroom Villa Royale, the ultimate in luxury and leisure in Kill Devil Hills. Enjoy oceanfront living with two spacious great rooms, multiple dining areas, a stocked gourmet kitchen, a media room or your pick of 13 master bedrooms. An elevator provides easy access to the entire house - from the ground level recreation room, cinema-style theatre, pool and outdoor cabana and bar, to plentiful sun decks above.



Enjoy a memorable in-home meal for 20 prepared by Chef Wes Stepp of Red Sky Café, the premier caterer in the Outer Banks, well-known for his fresh, creative meals featuring local seafood and garden bounty.

House available select weeks October 19, 2019 to March 7, 2020 (excluding major holidays). Red Sky Café dinner date to be mutually agreed on between winning bidder and Chef Wes.

Generously donated by a ForKids Friend and Chef Wes of the Red Sky Café

LOT 19: CLASSIC BUDS

Collaboration by Taerion, age 13 & Robin Rogers, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio

"I'm painting a field of flowers. They aren't close up flowers though, they're the kind you'd find in an old movie."

Part 1: Acrylic on Canvas

Taerion is a middle child of seven siblings. She describes herself as "funny, creative, shy, talkative, athletic, a dancer and more." Taerion's brother was chosen to participate in the Chrysler collaboration a few years ago and Taerion was determined her piece would be bigger and better than his! Her vibrant field of blossoms reminds us that where flowers bloom, so does hope.



Generously framed by Wiley Francisco of Calvin & Lloyd

Part 2: Glass Sculpture via Glassblowing and Flame-Working

Glass sculptor Robin Rogers and resident artists helped Taerion transform her art into a piece that captures the essence of her painting. Robin is the Glass Studio Manager and Program Director at Chrysler Museum Glass Studio. He earned a B.F.A. from the Columbus College of Art & Design and an M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University. Robin has worked in glass studios nationwide and ran his own glass business in Missoula, Montana.



LOT 20: RADIO FLYER

2019 Toyota RAV4 Adventure AWD

You asked for it-you got it! Your taste for epic exploits can be realized with this 2019 Direct Shift 8-speed automatic Toyota RAV4 Adventure AWD. With One-Touch Moonroof, Power Liftgate, Roof Rack Cross Bars, Spider Cargo Net and 37 cubic feet of cargo space, you'll be ready for anything! Zoom to the garden center powered by the 2.5L Dynamic Force 4-Cylinder engine and pick up some roses to match the Ruby Flare Pearl exterior, or cruise along in perfect comfort with dual zone auto A/C. Hop in and go with the Smart Key System Push Button Start and enjoy all the modern features like Entune 3.0 Audio Plus 8" Touch Screen, Hands Free Bluetooth, Siri Eyes Free, USB Media Port and 6 speakers. With the Toyota Safety Sense 2.0 Pre-Collision System, Lane Departure Alert, Brake Assist, Smart Stop Technology and other features, this baby will practically drive itself on your next epic adventure!

Titling will be handled by Checkered Flag Automotive. Sales tax, title, registration and processing fees are the responsibility of the winning bidder.

Generously donated by Checkered Flag Automotive (MSRP: \$36,000)



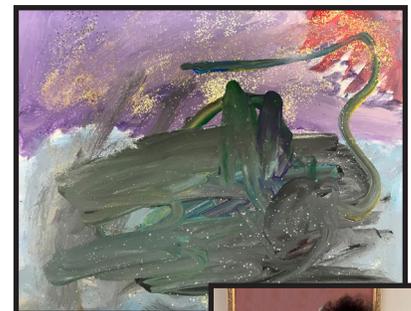
LOT 21: WHALE UNDER THE UNDERPASS

Acrylic on Canvas Art by Leroy, age 7

"I'm going to paint a whale. I've never seen a whale but I've heard one before when the car drove under the highway."

A natural jokester, 7-year-old Leroy sows seeds of happiness everywhere he goes. Everything he says to his seven brothers and sisters he makes into a joke in order to make them laugh. His art reflects his passion for sea life as well as his incredible imagination, reminding us all to find the magic in everyday situations. When asked why he wants to be an aquarium diver when he grows up, Leroy responded, "I want to help the sea animals live longer lives." During his time with ForKids, Leroy has developed a passion for math, not only because he's good at it but because he finds it fun! He loves the duplex he shares with his family and we hope the whale under the underpass loves his home too.

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LOT 22: EVERYTHING BUT THE GARDEN SINK

Washington Weekend for 4, Redskins vs. Patriots, LASIK Surgery & Cosmetic Dermatology

This package has something for everyone! Root for your favorite team (or against your least favorite!) with 4 tickets to the Redskins vs. Patriots game this fall. You'll stay in the luxurious JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC located right on Pennsylvania Avenue near the White House, with 2 deluxe rooms. Worried you're as blind as the refs? You'll be able to see the football from a mile away after LASIK laser eye surgery provided by Stephen Scoper, M.D. of Virginia Eye Consultants. Finally, courtesy of Shannon McCole, M.D., you'll remain unrecognizably refreshed from your vacation and stay that way with TWO rounds of Botox and Voluma to fill your cheeks and smooth your forehead.

The Fine Print:

Redskins vs. Patriots at FedEx Stadium tickets for 4. Schedule will be released April 17. ForKids will purchase tickets immediately upon release.

JW Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC - Two deluxe rooms for two nights will be booked in your name once game date is announced.

LASIK Eye Surgery - Winner will be given a certificate entitling you to free LASIK from Stephen Scoper, M.D. at Virginia Eye Consultants, including the consultation appointment prior to surgery.

Cosmetic Dermatology - Shannon McCole, M.D. will provide two treatments of Botox cosmetic to forehead/frown lines and two treatments of Voluma filler to the cheek area. Includes pre-treatment evaluation and consultation by physician. Must have no medical contraindications for treatment.

Generously donated by Stephen Scoper, M.D. and Shannon McCole, M.D.

