

2026 Gala & Auction Committee

Mission Impact

The Gala & Auction Committee is a fun, hands-on way to make a meaningful difference in our community. As part of the team behind HomeAid's biggest fundraiser of the year, you'll help generate critical funding that supports safe, dignified housing and life-changing spaces for individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Role Overview

The Gala & Auction Committee is a creative, collaborative group that brings HomeAid's signature event to life – from the impressive look and feel of the space to the excitement of the silent auction. Committee members work alongside staff and fellow committee volunteers to plan an unforgettable evening that inspires generosity, builds community and directly supports the HomeAid mission.

Responsibilities

- **Décor ideation and implementation**
Bring the event theme to life by brainstorming creative décor ideas and helping turn them into reality through fun, cost-effective items that transform the event space.
- **Auction procurement**
Help build an exciting silent auction by reaching out to businesses and individuals, sharing HomeAid's mission, and securing unique and appealing item donations such as culinary experiences, artwork, memorabilia, professional services and more.
- **Volunteer recruitment**
Rally your network to volunteer on gala night, by inviting colleagues, friends and family to fill roles that help the event run smoothly and provide an unforgettable experience for all.
- **Event promotion and sharing**
Share the gala within your professional and personal networks to help encourage event attendance and potentially sponsorship support.

Time Commitment

- **HomeAid Gala & Auction** – Required
Saturday, November 7, 5:30-10:30 pm
- **Event Setup** – Both days
Friday, November 6, 3:00-6:00 pm and Saturday, November 7, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

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- **Work Session** – Week before (~3 hrs.)
Join an in-person work session to create décor items and/or silent auction packages.
- **Monthly Meetings** – Most virtual (~45 min.), additional meetings in September/October
Attend meetings and provide updates on individual silent auction items procurement and other event-related activities.
- **Auction Procurement** – On your schedule (~3 hrs./month)
Reach out to potential item donors each month, either as a dedicated effort or as you go about your regular shopping, dining and entertainment lifestyle.

Support & Resources

HomeAid staff will set up volunteers for success with guidance on new and returning businesses to contact, along with ready-to-use promotional materials and donation forms. Silent auction procurement is simple, approachable and well supported – so volunteers can focus on building rapport with potential donors and sharing the HomeAid mission with confidence.

Recognition & Perks

Gala & Auction Committee members are recognized in the printed program and event PowerPoint, and enjoy being part of an unforgettable evening. From getting dressed up and celebrating with great company, to delicious food and festive beverages, the gala is a night all volunteers truly look forward to.

How to Join

To join the Gala & Auction Committee, please contact Michelle Fargher, Director of Fundraising Events, at mfargher@homeaidncr.org or (703) 953-3529. Meetings for 2026 are currently planned for Tuesday afternoons and begin with an in-person kickoff scheduled for Tuesday, February 17.

Other Opportunities

If serving on the committee isn't the right fit at this time, we'd still love to have you involved. Please reach out to be included in our event-day volunteer outreach. The 2026 events include:

- **GolfAid** | Thursday, March 5, 3:30-6:30 pm, Topgolf Loudoun
- **Builders & Friends BBQ** | Thursday, June 18, 3:30-6:30 pm, National Botanic Garden
- **Builders for Babies** | June 26, 29-July 1, Times Vary
- **Golf Tournament** | Friday, Sept. 18, 7 am-3pm, Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club
- **Gala & Auction** | Saturday, Nov. 7, 6:30-10:00 pm, Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles