

*15th Annual*  
**Bid For Bachelors and Bachelorettes**  
FRIENDS & FAMILIES OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS

**Bachelors & Bachelorettes  
Info Sheet**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bid for Bachelors and Bachelorettes**

- Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> JW Marriott Ballroom 5pm until 11pm

You will need to be there ALL NIGHT. We do not expect people to leave once they have been auctioned off. Support those that are doing this with you.

**Photo Shoot:**

We will provide a photographer to professionally take your picture for our event.

**About Me Form:**

Once you receive it turn it in ASAP. This information on this form will be what is included in our printed program for the bid event next to your photo.

**Meet & Greets:**

You must attend at least three (3) Meet & Greets dates. We will get you a schedule shortly, they are all in January.

The meet & greets are opportunities for those that are being auctioned off to let the "general public" know they are up for auction. Kind of a "window shopping" experience if-you-will for those that will attend our event.

We will provide each of you with a t-shirt that identifies you as a bachelor or a bachelorette. Our T-shirts read "Ask me about my package". It gets people's attention and it gets them talking to you!

**Date Packages:**

- January 9 2012 – Date package **updates/Info** Due to Wendy Olson
- January 16, 2012 – Date package ITEMS must be turned in

**How do you put together your date package?**

It's simple! Reach out to the community for support. Use any and all connections and resources!! Be creative!

Your items in your date package should be something that can be used during the year of 2012 or beyond. It does not have to be something that happens right away, it can be something for the summer or following fall or winter.

Your date package items also may be for other locations, i.e., Chicago, Saugatuck, South Haven, Detroit, Vegas, Florida, etc.

## **How do I get businesses to donate to my package?**

Introduce yourself. Explain to them what Bid is and how it benefits FFCF and that you are being auctioned off for a date and need to put together a date package. I have also included a letter that is on FFCF letterhead that tells the would-be donor what you are doing and what the event benefits.

## **Example Dates from Past Bid Events:**

- Red Wings Tickets, Jersey and Dinner
- Skydiving, Golf Lessons, Concert tickets
- Spa time & Shopping Gift Certificates, Dinner & Theatre
- Remember to be creative!

## **What do I wear to Bid?**

- Bachelorette's – We are currently working on who will provide your dresses, hair & make-up.
- Bachelors – We are currently working on getting tuxes provided.

## **What is "Bid" and what should I expect?**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bid for Bachelors and Bachelorette's benefiting Friends and Families of Cystic Fibrosis is often referred to "Bid" or "Bid for Bach". This is an annual event/fundraiser put on by FFCF to raise money for those who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis here in West Michigan. You can expect some friendly competition amongst fellow bach/bachettes with regards to size & worth of date packages. That is healthy and it in turn helps raise more money for the charity... the more in the date package, the more you sell it, the more \$\$ the charity makes.

## **What should I expect on the night of Bid?**

We will go over that in detail & video at our orientation meeting.

## **How do I market myself?**

We will have save the date cards for each bachelor and bachelorette available Friday, November 18 at the 80's night party.

## **Contacts**

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## **What is FFCF?**

Friends and Families of Cystic Fibrosis (FFCF) is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for children and adults in West Michigan who suffer with Cystic Fibrosis, a genetic disease that affects approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States. Our goal is to give back a piece of joy the disease has taken away. FFCF is a 501©3 organization.

## **What is Cystic Fibrosis?**

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States. The defective gene causes the body to produce thick mucus that clogs the lungs, causing a number of life-threatening lung diseases.

The thick secretions can obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food. The mucus also can block the bile duct in the liver and can cause permanent liver damage.

Juvenile diabetes is also very common in CF patients.