

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL HUMANE EDUCATORS BENEFIT AUCTION INFORMATION

The Association of Professional Humane Educators (APHE) will hold its 17th National Humane Education Conference -"Teaching Change of Historic Proportions"- on February 24 - 26, 2016 in Charleston, South Carolina. APHE, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, promotes humane education, advances standards of excellence in humane education practices, and provides professional development, resources, and networking for those who foster empathy toward people, animals, and the environment.

A highlight of the National Humane Education Conference is the auction to benefit the Nathania Gartman Memorial Scholarship Fund. Founded in 2003 by PetSmart Charities and Best Friends Animal Society, scholarships awarded from this fund enable persons to come to the National Humane Education Conference who could otherwise not attend. At the 2015 conference, 18 attendees received scholarships and auction activities raised \$6,286 to help replenish the scholarship fund.

Contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations are critical to the success of the benefit auction. The valuable and unique items contributed from all over the country are what make this auction so special. APHE encourages its members to solicit donations or donate your special purchases to help raise money for this vital cause.

STEP 1: Collect Donations

As you consider donation items, please focus on:

- Education materials and supplies for humane educators
- High quality gifts in a range of prices

A sample letter to request donations is provided separately.

STEP 2: Complete the *Donation List* form (see page 2)

An accurate description of donations is needed to assist the organizers in compiling an auction catalog and provide you a tax-deduction receipt. NOTE: Please mail one copy of the completed *Donation List* with your donations (see below) and e-mail the completed form to auction@aphe.org. It is very important that you submit both copies.

STEP 3: Mail Donations between February 1-5, 2016

Sending your donations in advance will allow the organizers to sort and price the items as well as create an auction catalog for distribution to conference attendees. Mail the completed *Donation List* form with your auction items (or have them sent directly from the donating business/organization) to:

Charleston Animal Society
Attn: De Daltorio- APHE Auction
2455 Remount Rd.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Bringing Donations to the Conference

If you are attending the conference and need to bring auction items with you, **please e-mail your completed *Donation List* form to auction@aphe.org by February 12, 2016** so that your items can still be listed in the catalog. When you arrive at the conference, please connect with an APHE Board Member at your earliest convenience to deliver the auction items.

Thank you in advance for helping APHE fulfill its mission of supporting humane educators everywhere.

