AN EVENING WITH

ABEL SPEAKS

MAY 1, 2025

Abel Speaks Auction

DONOR CONSIDERATIONS

1 WHAT CAUSE AM I SUPPORTING?

Abel Speaks is a 501(c)3 nonprofit ministry that exists to support families who have chosen to carry a child with a life-limiting diagnosis. Our vision is that every parent can choose to cherish their child's life and experience hope and joy even in the midst of sorrow and grief. Over the past 6 years, Abel Speaks has served over 550 families in all 50 United States and internationally in 12 other countries. To learn more about the organization, please visit: **www.abelspeaks.org**

2 WHAT EVENT IS THE AUCTION CONNECTED TO?

"An Evening with Abel Speaks" will be streamed online Thursday, May 1st @ 7PM Central. As always, our chief aims for this event are to raise awareness of our mission and raise funding for its ongoing ministry. This year, our goal is to raise $220K through this online auction, sponsorships, and one-time donations. With your help, we know we can make it happen!

3 IDEAL ITEMS

As we build out our 2025 auction catalog, we are seeking compelling items across the following categories. **You can click here to submit your auction item now!**

EXPERIENCES	TRAVEL	FOOD	SPORTS/MUSIC	SERVICES
-date night	-weekend getaways	-cooking classes	-game tickets	-photo shoots
-spa days	-all-inclusive trips	-wine tastings	-concert tickets	-fitness classes
-hotel stays	-cruises	-restaurant gift cards	-signed memorabilia	-hair salons
-golf outings	-airline tickets	-food/beverage baskets	-meet and greets	-gift packages for pets
-comedy clubs	-ski passes		-box seats	-subscriptions
-rafting/kayaking	-vacation homes		-backstage passes	-personal training
-hot air balloon rides	-local staycations		-new golf clubs	
-hunting trips	-road trips		-instrument lessons	

4 ARE AUCTION DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

For information on tax deductions related to auction donations, here is the IRS webpage on Charity Donations.

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DONATION SUBMISSION FORM

To streamline the collection of information for each item, we have created **this simple online form** for auction donors. Some of the info we'll be collecting will include an item description, a fair market value (FMV) for your item, and then some high-quality photos of your item (see tips below!)

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR AUCTION ITEM

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HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE ITEM PHOTOS?

In short, very important! Other than your item description, this is all bidders have to pull from as they evaluate your item. Clear and well-lit pictures will help them "see" what they'd be receiving.

- Place your items against a solid background
- Experiment with different locations and times of day to find the best lighting
- If you happen to have a tripod, you can use that for stability

If your item is an experience/destination but you don't have personal photos, you can simply attach screenshots of high-quality published photos online to give our supporters a feel for what they are bidding on.

Feel free to submit a range of photos and we will choose the ones that work best for our purposes.

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HOW DO I DELIVER MY ITEM TO THE WINNER?

Experiential Items:

For items like vacations/trips that will require logistical coordination ontiming, we will connect you directly with the auction winner via email.

Physical Items:

In years past, we've attempted to play the "middle man" here, but have learned that it is far more cost/labor efficient for both Abel Speaks and the donor if we wait until the auction has concluded.

Rather than donors shipping an item to our office only to have our team ship it again, you can send your item directly to the auction winner once we know its ultimate destination. We will provide you with their name and shipping address once the auction is over.

Each donor will be responsible for the shipping costs associated with mailing their item – obviously an additional charge to you, but a huge blessing to Abel Speaks.

Thank you for supporting Abel Speaks!