



AUGUST 2, 2010

Dear Supporters of SGMP- Heart of Illinois Chapter:

The Heart of Illinois Chapter of the Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) will hold its Annual Silent Auction at Caitie Girls, 400 E. Jefferson, Springfield, Illinois on September 27, 2010 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Once again, the auction will be an open format of networking, bidding, drinking and eating.

The Auction has been so successful in past years that it has become our primary fundraising effort, with the dollars raised going directly to the local chapter. These proceeds support our scholarship fund, which allows us to send several people to the National Educational Conference each year.

Many government meeting professionals in the Springfield region that bring business throughout the State of Illinois will attend this event. By donating an item, you will be making a tax-deductible contribution (SGMP Federal ID 37-125841) that will give your organization valuable exposure. Please consider participating in this exciting tradition. Donations of every size and shape are accepted! Think "outside of the box" and ask yourself, "What can I donate that will create excitement and bidding wars?!"

In addition to silent auction items, we also offer sponsorship opportunities as an additional way for you to promote your business and help our event succeed.

For your convenience, I have attached both an auction item donation form and a sponsorship form. Please fill out the appropriate form (or both!) and send them in with your item/check. We will also allow you to bring your auction items on the night of the event to save you shipping costs.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at (618) 345-8998 or jconrad@gatewaycenter.com. Thank you in advance for your donations and continued support of the Heart of Illinois SGMP Chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Conrad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jenny Conrad, CMP
SGMP Silent Auction Co-Chair