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**HEADLINE: The Knox County Career Center online auction of themed baskets returns to benefit Food For The Hungry**

MOUNT VERNON — The Knox County Career Center is making your Christmas shopping easy this year as they are hosting an online auction benefiting Food For The Hungry. This online silent auction features 17 themed gift baskets and 3 individual items/collections with a combined value of over $10,000! Gift baskets are created through community donations and Knox County Career Center student/teacher/staff work.

To find a basket and place a bid, go to <https://www.32auctions.com/kcccffth2023>. Please note that an account must be created in order to bid in this auction. Creating an account is not an obligation to bid, nor will it automatically bid for you.

***Bidding closes on Friday, December 8, at 3 pm, so make sure to act fast!***

**The themed baskets include:**

* **Outdoorsy Gift Basket (valued at $645)**
  + Oil Change from Blubaugh Body and Frame
  + 4 pairs of socks from Buzzards
  + NEBO Ultra Socket Tool and Adjustable Lock Jaw Pliers from Danville Hardware
  + 4 Pack of CDs featuring Chestnut Ridge
  + 1 Kolpin UTV rear view mirror and Kolpin UTV Gun Boot from Tractor Supply Company
  + 2 outdoor lanterns from Danville Outdoors
  + Bird seed and bird feeder from Foresters
  + Gift Certificate for a car detail from KCCC Collison Repair
  + Gift Certificate for an alignment from KCCC Auto Tech
* **Car Care Basket #1 (Valued at $605)**
  + Gift Card to StarBrite and A+ Autobrokers
  + Oil Changes at Firestone and Mathews Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram
  + Tire Rotation at Holmes Tire
  + Gift Certificate for a Car Detail from KCCC Collision Repair
  + Gift Certificate for a Car Alignment from KCCC Auto Tech
* **Car Care Basket #2 (Valued at $662)**
  + Car Wash Bucket from Advance Auto Parts
  + TEQ 3-ton ratcheting Jack Stands from AutoZone
  + Gift Cards to StarBrite and NAPA
  + Oil Changes from Firestone and Mathews Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram
  + Yeti Tumbler, JBLclip3 Bluetooth Speaker, car coasters, and XL T-Shirt from Donley Ford Auto Group
  + Gift Certificate for a Car Detail from KCCC Collision Repair
  + Gift Certificate for a Car Alignment from KCCC Auto Tech
* **Downtown Date Night Basket 1 (valued at $531)**
  + One Night Stay at the Mount Vernon Grand Hotel
  + Gift Cards to LaPaloma, Happy Bean Coffee Shop, and Williams Flowers
  + Movie Tickets to Premiere Theatre
  + 2 Pairs of Earrings from Jimani Made
  + $25 Visa Gift Card
  + Maple Syrup from Bonhomie Acres
  + Gift Certificate for a Car Detail from KCCC Collision Repair
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts - (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media Lab - Your Choice of VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
* **Downtown Date Night Basket 2 (valued at $493)**
  + One Night Stay at the Comfort Inn
  + Gift Cards to Fiesta Mexicana, Dean's Jewelry, Flowers for You and North Main Café
  + 1 Pair of Sox from Buzzards
  + 2 Pairs of Earrings from Jimani Made
  + $25 Visa Gift Card
  + Gift Certificate for a Car Detail from KCCC Collision Repair
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts - (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll)
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media Lab - Your Choice of VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
* **Family Fun Basket (valued at $639)**
  + 1 Year Membership at SPI Spot
  + Two 1 Month Memberships at the YMCA
  + Gift Cards to Herald's Appliances & Electronics, Lannings Foods, Down to Earth Natural Foods, and We Luv Pets
  + Youth Mattress Protector Set from Johnny’s Mattress and Furniture Superstore
  + Ice Cream Play Set from Indigo Owl in Loudonville
  + Six 12 Packs of Soda from Hot Rods
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts - (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll)
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media - Your Choice of: VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Computer Networking for PC Service
* **Foodies Basket (valued at $522)**
  + Gift Cards to many local restaurants:
    - Jersey Girls (Danville)
    - Papa John's Pizza
    - Ichiban Sushi & Hibachi
    - Creno's Pizza
    - Domino’s Pizza (Fredericktown)
    - Road Hog Willy's
    - The Hangout
    - Amato's Woodfired Pizza
    - Dave's Cosmic Subs
    - Southside Diner
    - Cindy's Pierogis (Ajodhya Dining)
    - Jersey Mike's Subs
    - Bombay Garden
    - Buffalo Wild Wings
    - China Buffet
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts - (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll)
* **Gambier Getaway Basket (valued at $565)**
  + Gift Certificate to Kenyon Inn and Restaurant and the Weather Vane
  + Gift Certificate for a Car Detail from KCCC Collision Repair
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts - (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll)
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media - Choice of VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
* **Gathering Together Basket (valued at $790)**
  + Small Party Package (up to 56 guests) with Thank You cards, Party Time cards, and a bottle of sparkling cider at The Glenn A. Gallagher Center
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media - Choice of VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Computer Networking for PC Service
* **Homebody Gift Basket (Valued at $476)**
  + Baking items from Raber's Hardware
  + End Table and a gift certificate from Comfort Collective
  + Items from Bev Miller
  + Carry-on Luggage
  + Anchor Hocking 2-gallon Glass Jar
  + Red Stainless Steel Snowflake Cup
  + Christmas Centerpiece
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts - (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll)
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media - Choice of VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Computer Networking for PC Service
* **Hometown Date Night Basket (valued at $471)**
  + One Night Stay at the Holiday Inn
  + Gift Certificates to Hunan Garden and Tim Hortons
  + Movie Tickets to Premiere Theatre
  + Large can of Tim Hortons Coffee
  + Earrings by Jimani Made
  + Maple Syrup from Bonhomie Acres
  + $25 Visa Gift Card
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Collision Repair for a Car Detail
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts - (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll)
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media - Choice of VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
* **Mohican Getaway Basket (valued at $544)**
  + Mohican Lodge Overnight Sta**y**
  + 7-mile Canoe river trip for 2 from Mohican Adventures
  + Gift Cards to Creative Outlet Indian, Four Seasons Flowers, Trails End Restaurant in Loudonville
  + Gift Certificate for Car Detail from KCCC Collision Repair
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts **-** (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll)
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media - Choice of VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
* **Northern Getaway Basket (valued at $487)**
  + One night's stay with Jacuzzi at Quality Inn in Bellville
  + Gift cards to Bob Evans and Whit's Frozen Custard
  + 1 pair of Sox from Buzzards
  + 2 pairs of earrings from Jimani Made
  + Maple Syrup from Bonhomie Acres
  + Gift certificates for a car detail from KCCC Collision Repair
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts - (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll)
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media - Choice of VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
* **OSU Basket (valued at $300 - $400)**
  + OSU Denim Tote Bag
  + 50 X 60 Fleece OSU Blanket
  + OSU Throw Pillow
  + OSU Party Lights
  + Toy OSU Semi Truck
  + OSU Earrings and Necklace from Jimani Made
  + 2006 Fiesta Bowl Picture - OSU vs Notre Dame
  + OSU Teddy Bear
  + OSU Bucket
  + OSU Sweatshirt (Size Large)
  + OSU Folding Fabric Storage Bin
  + The 100 Yard War book (Ohio State vs Michigan Rivalry)
  + OSU Flag
  + 2 OSU Pins, Pens, and Pom Poms
* **Pretty Pampered Basket (valued at $669)**
  + Stainless Steel Tumbler and Coffee from Starbucks
  + Soaps, body butter, Loofa sponges, and Bath Bomb from Taste of Country
  + Gift Certificates to Weather Vane and Fashion & Home by FC
  + CD's featuring Chestnut Ridge
  + Mary Kay items from Jeanell Branstool
  + Gift Certificate for a car detail from KCCC Collision Repair
  + Gift Certificate for a car alignment from KCCC Auto Tech
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Culinary Arts - (2 doz. Cookies, Pie, or Pumpkin Roll)
  + Gift Certificate from KCCC Digital Media - Choice of VHS to DVD, Digitize and Touch Up Hard Copy Pics, or Graduation Banner
  + Gift Certificate for PC Service from KCCC Computer Networking

**Individual Items and Collections include:**

* One Ton of American Wood Fiber Hardwood Pellets from Buckeye Stoves (valued at $268)
* A New 2021 Piranha ZR-90 Motorcycle from Mid-Ohio Powersports (valued at $1,500)
* 6 Longaberger Baskets from Bev Miller (valued at $331)

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FFTH has set a goal of $260,000 for the 2023 campaign. You can get involved by donating online or at one of the 12 collection points throughout Knox County on Friday, Dec. 8. Visit [www.FoodForTheHungryCares.org](http://www.foodforthehungrycares.org) for collection points, opportunities to donate or volunteer, and find more information about all things FFTH!

*Food For The Hungry Live* begins on Friday, Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 4:00 p.m. *FFTH Live’s* audio will be available on 100.9 FM and 93.7 FM HD2 WMVO, WMVO.com, and the WMVO App. Video will be available at [www.mvnu.tv](http://www.mvnu.tv/) and on the FFTH Facebook page. Updates will be given throughout the day on 90.9 FM WNZR, 93.7 FM The Super Q WQIO, and FFTH social media. *FFTH Live* will air from the Memorial Theater in Knox Memorial on East High Street in Mount Vernon. This is a Knox County tradition you won’t want to miss!

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