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## **31st Annual Auction for a Cause Kickoff Party & LIVE Auction Promises Impact on Spartanburg Community**

**SPARTANBURG, SC** – Spartanburg's most impactful fundraiser returns this fall, bringing hope to local families and supporting essential nonprofits at the 31st Annual Auction for a Cause, hosted by the Uptown Sertoma Club. Taking place on Wednesday, October 23rd at Indigo Hall, this signature event will feature a LIVE Auction and a Kickoff Party, fueling support for vital services provided by local nonprofit agencies.

Over the past 31 years, the Auction for a Cause has raised over \$1.3 million, benefiting thousands of families in Spartanburg County. These funds have gone directly to nonprofit organizations providing critical resources and services to those in need.

"As Spartanburg faces growing community needs, the Auction for a Cause offers a lifeline," said Cindy Pike, Auction Chair of Uptown Sertoma Club. "The funds we raise directly support organizations like Hope Center for Children and Project R.E.S.T., which are on the front lines helping our most vulnerable populations."

### **Event Highlights:**

- **Kickoff Party & LIVE Auction:** Wednesday, October 23rd, Indigo Hall, featuring a Low Country Boil, appetizers, desserts, beverages, live music, and a live auction.
- **Virtual Silent Auction:** Runs from October 23rd to October 30th, allowing participants to bid directly from their smartphones.

The auction benefits seven key nonprofits that rely on this annual fundraiser to continue their vital work:

- **Hope Center for Children:** Provides shelter, counseling, and care to children and families in crisis.
- **Project R.E.S.T.:** Supports survivors of domestic violence with emergency shelter and advocacy.
- **Upstate Family Resource Center:** Offers education and support to strengthen families.
- **Ruth's Gleanings:** Empowers people in nutritional poverty by increasing access to fresh, healthy food.
- **Spartanburg Shares:** Loans medical equipment to those in need, free of charge.

- **TOTAL Ministries:** Assists families facing financial crises with emergency food and utility assistance.
- **Camp Sertoma:** Provides life-changing camp experiences for speech- and hearing-impaired children and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Each of these nonprofits has a story of impact—whether it’s providing a safe place for a child in crisis or ensuring a family doesn’t go hungry. Your participation helps make these stories possible.

"The Auction for a Cause is more than just an event; it's an opportunity for our community to come together and make a tangible difference," said Cindy Pike, Auction Chair.

Join us at the Kickoff Party and LIVE Auction or participate in the Virtual Silent Auction to help these organizations continue their important work. With only weeks to go, now is the time to secure your tickets and make a difference. Every bid counts!

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, or to learn more, please visit [www.auction4acause.net](http://www.auction4acause.net).

Help us support Spartanburg’s nonprofits and get a head start on your holiday shopping—it’s a win-win for everyone!

### **About the Uptown Sertoma Club:**

The Uptown Sertoma Club volunteers time, talent, and donations to local nonprofit organizations and facilitates the “Auction for a Cause,” which benefits both local nonprofits and Camp Sertoma of SC. Camp Sertoma provides summer camp experiences for children who are speech- and hearing-impaired or economically disadvantaged. For more information about membership, please visit [www.uptownsertomaclub.org](http://www.uptownsertomaclub.org).

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