

## The Dream BIG Gala 2021 Auction Item Donation Form

Like many businesses and nonprofits in Madison, we are in new territory as we come out of the pandemic, adjusting and expanding our programs as we provide vital services for families in our community. But despite the transition and uncertainty we've all faced over the last year, our mission has stayed steady-- **we're committed to igniting the power and potential of youth through one-on-one mentoring.**

This work is powered by the funds raised at our Dream BIG Gala each year, which historically has been our largest event and represents about 20% of our operating budget. While we were able to host a successful virtual gala last fall, we are thrilled to be hosting this year's **Dream BIG Gala in-person at Breese Stevens Field on Thursday, September 23rd**, where we hope to raise over \$265,000. While there will be many fundraising elements incorporated into the event, our Silent Auction will be crucial to our success, with last year's raising over \$47,000. We're excited to bring 500+ supporters together to celebrate and support mentoring, but **we need local business support to make it happen.**

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To that end, we know this has been a difficult year for individuals and businesses in our community, even with the improved outlook we see now. We are sensitive to the challenging position that many are in, but we're also hearing from businesses that are prioritizing investments in our community, particularly to agencies like ours that are working to reduce inequities for those we serve. **So at this time, we're asking for your help, if you're in a position to give it.**

**Would you consider donating an item, service, gift basket, or gift card for our Silent Auction?** All donations are tax-deductible, and an acknowledgement letter will be provided for your records. Your donation will be recognized with your name and website (if applicable) in the auction item description shared with 500+ attendees.

While our ultimate goal is to raise \$265,000 for our program, we hope to do so while creating a dynamic and engaging event experience for our supporters. With the event quickly approaching, we hope you'll consider making a donation or getting involved. **You can mail the enclosed Donation Form to us by August 31st, or simply contact us to discuss or customize your experience.** Thanks for your support!

**For more information, please contact:**

Bethany Ordaz, Special Events Manager  
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608.661.5437 x. 111

# Donation and Participation Form for The Dream BIG Gala

As an alternative to this form, you can also reach out via email or phone to discuss your donation/participation.  
Please contact Bethany Ordaz, Special Events Manager, at 608-661-5437 x.111 or bordaz@bbbsmadison.org.

Our business/organization would like to get involved in the following ways:

**Donate an item/service to our Silent or Live Auction**

*If selected, please fill out Donation Information below.*

**Become an Event Sponsor**

*If selected, we will follow-up to discuss your sponsorship level and recognition.*

**Attend The Dream BIG Gala**

*If selected, we will follow-up to discuss tickets and participation.*

## Contact Information

Business/Organization Name and Contact Person

Address, City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Business/Organization Website (will be shared on auction item description provided to attendees)

## Donation Information for Auction Item

Item

Retail Value

Item Description

Please submit items and forms  
by August 31, 2021.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County  
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Madison, WI 53704

Certificates must clearly state all components of the good/service  
and outline specific redemption procedures. We kindly request  
that certificates remain valid through at least June 2022.

All donations are tax-deductible.  
BBBS Tax ID #: 39-1077783