

## Ladies Retreat Auction 2023

The Retreat Auction is always one of the fun highlights of our weekend together. I love the friendly competition and how all of you ladies dig deep to give to a worthy cause. Remember – the proceeds are split 50/50. Half goes to helping to cover the cost of Retreat and the other half is for a missions project. This year your Retreat Committee has chosen Clear Blue Global Water Project.

Clear Blue is a non-profit organization founded by our speaker, Pastor Brenda Young in 2006. Her passion and desire to bring fresh water to those in need started with a sermon to her church congregation and how they could dig a well in Malawi Africa. In three months time they raised enough money to dig 11 wells and Clear Blue was born. Since then there have been over 450 wells dug in 24 countries. And you have an opportunity to be a part of this amazing dream come true for those who need clean water.

How can you help? Bring your new or gently used items to Retreat for the silent or live auction. Smaller items go into the silent auction that is on Friday from the time you arrive (or when we have it set up!) until after the evening service. What do we need? Books, home décor, toys (in working order), and any other items that would appeal to someone who is attending is great.

For the live auction we are looking for larger items. Gift baskets are a big hit! Theme baskets such as fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Steelers, inspirational, movie night, baby items, or larger home décor items are high bidding items. And don't forget homemade items (crochet, sewn, etc) and good old fashioned baked goods!

The second way you can help is to come prepared to bid. All of those wonderful items are great but we need you to buy them. Payment is with cash or check only (no CC) so please come prepared. Envelopes will be provided to you to put your payment in when you arrive. More instructions will be given at that time.

If you have question or concerns about the auction, please feel free to email me at [smfckf@yahoo.com](mailto:smfckf@yahoo.com) or text/call 330-383-3957 or connect on Facebook.

We are so excited about this year's Retreat. Please join us for a fun and inspirational weekend.

Serving with you,

Carol Forsythe

Ladies Retreat President