



Silent Auction 2018

A Silent Auction is held at each ISAAC biennial conference. This year we are looking forward to hosting yet another successful auction, this time on the Gold Coast in Australia. Through your generous donations of items to include in our Silent Auction, we hope to raise a significant amount for the ISAAC Conference Travel Assistance Grants.

What is a silent auction?

An auction is a type of sale. Its success depends on people contributing articles that are displayed in a central location at the conference. Each article has a bid sheet beside it and if you see something you want, you simply write in your name and the amount of money you are prepared to spend. If someone else is interested in the same item, they will add their name under yours and write down a slightly higher amount of money. A time is set for the end of the auction. Whoever has named the highest price at that time gets the item. We have found in the past that the final minutes of the silent auction, as people finalize their bids, can be quite exciting! All winning bids must be settled before the end of the event. Payments will be by credit card or cash - Australian, Canadian and US currency (at par with Canadian) only. There will be a \$10 minimum for credit card charges.

What items are suitable?

Almost anything! In past years we have had items representing a culture, country or region; home-made items; store-purchased items; arts/crafts; AAC books and materials; writing paper; music CDs; office supplies; computers;

software; books - anything you can fit into a suitcase and bring to Australia, and that someone else can easily pack and take home.

ISAAC holds 501(c)(3) status in the US and registered charitable status in Canada. We are therefore able to issue tax receipts for donated items. Please ensure that when you provide us with your donated items, provide a receipt listing its value and giving a brief description of the item so that we can issue you a tax receipt upon request. Donation receipts will be issued for amounts of \$10 CAD or higher.

How can we make the 2018 Silent Auction a success?

- If you are able to let us know if you will be bringing an item to donate, it will help us to plan the space; it would be most helpful to know by July 1st. However, if you are not able to let us know, it doesn't matter. It's never too late to slip something into your suitcase!
- When you get to the Gold Coast, please bring your item(s) to the ISAAC booth in the Exhibit Area, where you will be given a bid sheet to put on the display table with your item(s).
- We are asking everyone to take a few minutes to look over the articles on display and make a bid for one or more. There are usually some great gifts.
- **Please DO NOT ship Silent Auction items to the ISAAC International Office in Toronto.**

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In the meantime, should you have any questions, feel free to email us at conference2018@isaac-online.org



For updates, please visit [Silent Auction 2018](#) on the ISAAC website.