



Dear Valued Power of the Purse Supporter,

The plans for the second annual United Way Power of the Purse are underway! The proceeds from this event will support the United Way agencies, which provide services and programs right here in Audrain County. The event will be held Thursday, July 11th, with the social at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. The event will be located at the Missouri Military Academy Gymnasium. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 and make this an annual event to be able to better support our agencies. The 2024 United Way agencies are A+ for Education, Agape House of Vandalia, Audrain County Crisis Intervention Services (ACCIS), Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri, Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA), Children's Therapy and Early Education School, Mexico Senior Center, St. Joseph Early Learning Center, The Help Center, and Uplift Mid-MO.

For this event, we are looking for purse donations that we will auction off that night. This doesn't just have to be a purse specifically; a bag of any kind will work. You, your business, or a group of friends can get creative and put a fabulous bag together. Feel free to pack things inside of your bag as well. We ask that your donation be a minimum of a \$50 value and be new. We really encourage you to have fun with this, we can't wait to see what you come up with! The top 10-15 highest valued bags will be included in the live auction, the remaining bags will be included in the silent auction.

We will be preselling the tickets to the event in two different ways:

- Reserved table for \$300: This will include entrance and dinner for eight, sponsorship recognition, and a raffle ticket for each person for the mystery purse.
- Individual tickets for \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door: This will include entrance and dinner for an individual.

To purchase tickets or donate a purse, please fill out the enclosed forms. The deadline to purchase a table or commit to a purse donation is Friday, July 5th. Please drop off all purse donations between July 1st – 8th during business hours at Commerce Bank. To make other arrangements for your purse donation, please contact a board member. If you're unable to attend the event, but would still like to donate, please mail it attention to Samantha Wilson at 1127 Adams St, Mexico, MO 65265 or contact a board member.

We are very excited and hopeful that this event will continue to be a successful tradition! We greatly appreciate your support of the United Way of Audrain County.

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