



Dear Valued Power of the Purse Supporter,

The plans for the fourth 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, September 10th, 2026, 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.

For this event, we are looking for purse donations that we can auction off that night. This doesn't just have to be a purse; 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.

****NEW THIS YEAR!** We will have a gently loved purse and bag section. For these items, please ensure they meet the following guidelines:

- Clean and in good condition
- Working zippers and closures
- No rips, tears, or significant wear

All gently loved donations will be reviewed and accepted at the discretion of the Board.

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

- Reserved table for \$350: This will include entrance and dinner for eight, sponsorship recognition, and a raffle ticket for each person for the mystery purse.
- Individual tickets for \$40 in advance or \$50 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, September 4th. Please drop off all purse donations the week of August 29th – September 4th at the YMCA, Central Bank, or to 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.

Sincerely,

United Way of Audrain County – Power of the Purse Committee

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