



2022 Haring Center Auction: Volunteer Guide

Thank you for your support of the 2022 Haring Center Auction – “Our House, Our History”! The annual auction is critical to ensure a strong future for inclusive education at the Haring Center and beyond, so that generations of children of all abilities can learn, play, and grow together. Dedicated volunteers like you are essential to the success of the auction – together, we’ll reach our goal of \$650,000 to ensure that our teachers and staff have the tools they need to continue to lead the way in inclusive education.

This Volunteer Guide has all the information and resources you need to help you get started! Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information or support!

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Auction Background

The Haring Center provides early childhood education to children with and without disabilities, conducts leading-edge research to advance inclusive learning, and trains education professionals in proven practices that develop every child’s potential. The Haring Center integrates research, training and service to help make high quality, inclusive education a reality here at the school and beyond the walls of the EEU.



This mission requires a community of children, families, and staff working together in order to further the goal of inclusion. It also requires a diverse range of funding strategies so that the community can thrive. With the support of our generous donors, we create inclusive communities that empower all children to learn, play and grow together.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the Annual Haring Center Auction – this year, our auction will be held on May 21, 2022.

Why do we have an auction?

Each year Seattle Public Schools, the City of Seattle and King County contract with the Haring Center & EEU to provide service to children. Due to several factors, the cost of providing high-quality services to children and families at the EEU has increased – however, the amount we receive from these contracts has remained constant. Therefore, we have an annual gap in funding that must be made up by the auction.

Due to increased costs related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the funding gap has increased. This year, 35% of the EEU operating budget comes from fundraising. The annual Haring Center Auction has truly become a necessity in our budget to prevent the closure of classrooms in the coming years.

The auction is not an EEU school event. The purpose of the auction is to raise the funds needed to continue the great work in the classrooms and support the salaries of EEU teachers, therapists, and instructional assistants. Keeping the EEU school classrooms strong is critical to the mission of the Haring Center – our cutting-edge inclusive classrooms allow Haring Center staff to continue to perform research on best practices in inclusive education and share those broadly with educators across the nation.

The Haring Center Auction is also a way to spread the word about the power of inclusion and to share how the Haring Center is impacting education outside the walls of the EEU. There is no question that inclusive education is the most effective way for ALL children to learn, and the Haring Center has been leading the way in inclusive education for over 50 years. The annual Auction is a magical evening that personifies the Haring Center's mission of inclusion, advancing every child's potential, and creating a joyful, inclusive world for children with and without disabilities.



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What will the auction look like this year?

Due to the ever-changing nature of the ongoing pandemic, we don't yet know just what the 2022 event will look like. As we make decisions and plan for the event, we are keeping the safety and health of our community top of mind. We will keep our community posted as updates about the 2022 Auction become available.

While there is a lot of uncertainty right now, here's what we do know:

- Due to increased costs and decreased funding from contracts, need for the auction is greater than ever – we need to raise \$650,000 to ensure a strong future for the EEU classrooms and Haring Center
- If there is an in-person event, it will look different than it has before. We will follow current safety precautions, including reduced attendance capacity and holding the event off site from the EEU school, to allow the event to be held as safely as possible
- Whatever the 2022 Auction looks like, it will still be an engaging, inspiring event celebrating the power of inclusion, recognizing the Haring Center staff for their tireless efforts, and ensuring a strong future for inclusive education at the Haring Center and beyond

How can you help?

The Haring Center Auction relies on the incredible generosity of our amazing community to make sure the event is successful. Your volunteer support also ensures that dollars raised go towards the staff salaries and classroom support rather than to the cost of running the event. Our community is truly amazing – each year, current and former families, staff, and other champions of the Haring Center come together to ensure a successful event.

As a member of the Haring Center and EEU community, you all help support the mission and activities of the Haring Center. Without you, researchers could not identify the best practices that will shape education for all children. Without you, the next generation of educators cannot receive hands-on experiences and training. Without you, the EEU could not support children, families and staff members who will be advocates for change beyond the EEU and will help make inclusion a reality.



There are several ways you can support the EEU and the Haring Center Annual Auction - most do not cost a thing, just your time or talent! For more information about volunteering or item procurement, please contact Noam Soker at nsoker@uw.edu.

How do you want to help?

- Volunteer at the auction
 - As we plan our 2022 auction differently than in previous years, we'll need volunteers to help pull off a successful event! You ***do not*** need to purchase a ticket to volunteer.
 - Night-of volunteer opportunities have yet to be finalized, but in the past, volunteers have helped in many areas, including registration, silent auction, raffle ticket sales, and check out.
 - More information about volunteering forthcoming. If you are interested and would like to sign up, email nsoker@uw.edu.
- Auction work parties
 - The Haring Center may host a few evening work parties leading up to the auction. These parties will have many different projects to complete to prepare for the big night.
- Sponsorship asks
 - Each year, we rely on our generous community to sponsor the annual auction. These sponsorship dollars help underwrite the costs of hosting the auction, and ensure that as much money as possible comes back to support the EEU classrooms and staff.
 - You can help us identify people and companies that can sponsor the event. Also consider - does your company have matching dollars for donations?
 - Sponsorship [Form](#) and [Menu](#)
- **Procurement**
 - Auction item procurement
 - We are looking for volunteers who can help procure items for our silent and live auctions.
 - We look forward to featuring a variety of different items that our guests will be excited to bid on - gift cards to local restaurants and businesses, immersive experiences like museum passes, get-aways, or sporting events, and one-of-a-kind experiences
 - Need ideas? We're happy to send you suggestions and a list to work from
 - If you'd like to share the link to our online donation form, find it here: <https://uweeu.ejoinme.org/2022HCAuctionItemDonation>



What Do I Do?

Item Procurement

For item procurement, we are asking businesses and individuals to make item donations to the Auction. We have a list of previous items donated you may use. You may also donate items from your choosing. We look forward to featuring a variety of different items that our guests will be excited to bid on - gift cards to local restaurants and businesses, immersive experiences like museum passes, get-aways, or sporting events, and one-of-a-kind experiences.

To donate an item, please fill out this form:

<https://uweeu.ejoinme.org/2022HCAuctionItemDonation>

New to procurement? Here's a step-by-step guide to get you started!

1. Reach out to contacts or fill out the form sent by Noam
 - a. **Please copy Noam (nsoker@uw.edu) on all communication or add her as the primary contact**
 - b. Please use the following as templates for your communications
 - i. [Procurement Letter](#)
 - ii. Procurement Cheat Sheet (see below)
 - c. You may be asked to submit a procurement form to the business for their recordkeeping. The 2022 Procurement Form can be found here:
 - i. [Procurement Form](#)
2. Report back to Noam when you have completed your procurement with the status
 - a. Procurement status includes: If the item was **requested** (when you asked), if the item was **promised** (when the donor agreed to donate), or if the item has been **secured** (when the donation is made)
3. Feel free to contact Noam at any stage for support.

Procurement 'Cheat Sheet'

Here is some information that might be needed when you're making asks of companies or completing donation requests:

- **Tax ID Number:** 94-3079432



- **Mission**

- The UW Haring Center provides early education to children with and without disabilities, conducts groundbreaking research into inclusive learning, and champions the best practices we develop beyond our walls so that young children of all abilities and backgrounds can learn, play, and grow together.

- **Description of the Haring Center**

- The University of Washington Haring Center provides early childhood education to children with and without disabilities, conducts leading-edge research to advance inclusive learning, and trains education professionals in proven practices that develop every child's potential. With the support of our generous donors, we create inclusive communities that empower all children to learn, play and grow together.
- Our unique approach to inclusive education begins with research into the most pressing challenges in education today: How do we ensure that every child learns, no matter what disabilities might stand in their way? How do we create classrooms where children benefit from each other's strengths and differences so that learning is improved for them all? Then, we test our research in the Experimental Education Unit, our thriving and inclusive birth-through-kindergarten school, where we can see first-hand the impact of promising educational approaches. Once the leading-edge practices we develop are proven to be effective, we train educators to implement them so countless more students, schools and communities can benefit — championing our best practices at the highest levels of decision-making to ensure that inclusion is embedded system-wide.
- The Haring Center reached more teachers, school leaders, and providers than ever this year, 13,200. Despite barriers to travel, we supported schools across Washington and beyond via virtual training, coaching, and consultation. By leveraging technology, we were able to connect with educators working with students preschool through transition settings as they navigated strategies for supporting inclusive and equitable learning.

- **Description of the Event:**

- 2022 Haring Center Auction: Our House, Our History:
- On May 21, 2022, guests from across the Puget Sound will come to the University of Washington's Haring Center to support inclusive education, at the 2022 Haring Center Auction: Our House, Our History.
- The auction will benefit the Haring Center's EEU school, where scholars, education and service professionals, and graduate students work with the school's 170 children (birth through Kindergarten) and families. These programs include the side-by-side learning of typically developing children and children with



various developmental delays or disabilities. The research-tested practices developed at the EEU are used in school districts across Washington state and throughout the country.

- Each year we offer amazing items as part of our silent and live auctions in an effort to raise the needed to bridge the gap between government contracts for our services and what it costs to run the school. While this magical evening personifies the Haring Center’s mission of inclusion and advancing every child’s potential; creating a joyful, inclusive world for children with and without disabilities, this event will be a little different. We are delighted by the opportunity to safely invite our auction guests to a hybrid event that will support the wonderful mission of the Haring Center highlighting the donations of many local companies and will invite our guests to bid on-line.
- **COVID and the Haring Center**
 - In the 2020-2021 school year, the EEU was the only site in the Seattle School District to provide hybrid services (both in-person and virtual education) from October through the end of the school year.
 - We had only one positive COVID case in the building that did not impact any other staff or children.
 - We provided special education services to 38 children under 3 years, 42 preschool students, and 16 kindergarten students. We also provided educational opportunities to 18 children who qualify for ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program). In total we had 175 children and families. We have continued to provide high quality service while focusing on safety and connections with children and families. We started the 2021-2022 school year in-person with 170 children and families.

Helpful Links and Forms

- **Haring Center Website**
 - www.haringcenter.org
 - <https://haringcenter.org/support-us/auction/>
- **Haring Center Auction Website**
 - [Main site](#)
 - [Item Donation site](#)
 - [Cash Donation site](#)
 - [Sponsorship site](#)
- **Procurement Forms**
 - [Procurement Letter](#)
 - [Procurement Form](#)

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