



Chili and Chair-ity Event



Would you like to showcase your special abilities and raise money for a good cause?

All you need is a chair, new or used, it doesn't matter. What matters is simply the presentation. That is, what gets added to the chair in the way of decoration, accessories, and enhancements. Each chair should have a theme and be decorated and accessorized accordingly. For example, a child's chair could be freshly painted to cover wear and have a teddy bear painted on the seat with a matching teddy bear resting in it. A kitchen chair could have a cookbook, or Tupperware collection. A rocking chair could have an afghan or a family photo album. A car seat could have baby food, diapers, play toys, or baby store gift certificate. The bar stool could have drink recipes, drink glasses, or similar items. The important thing is that each be unique, creative, and desirable.

Just fill out a registration form, paint or decorate the chair any way you like, and return the form to the hospital no later than September 24th. We need to have the chairs turned in by no later than October 8th. We will have the chairs displayed for viewing one week in advance of the silent auction. If you complete your chair earlier than that, please bring it on up to the hospital. Chairs completed earlier will be "featured chairs" in ad articles. Chairs will be displayed at HMH, in area businesses as well as Southwest Arkansas Furniture show room windows until October 19th. If you want your chair back, you must bid on it! All of the proceeds raised will go towards funding special programs and services at Howard Memorial Hospital in the coming year.

When you decide on a chair for this event, you may want to come by HMH Foundation Office and look at some of our ideas for inspiration. We found some really great painted chairs on the internet and printed some of them out for examples of what you can do. Do whatever you want with your chair. Your imagination is your only limit! You may use rocking chairs, dining room chairs, deck chairs, stools, small chairs, big chairs, high chairs, desk chairs, etc.

If you wish to contribute to Foundation fundraiser, but don't have the necessary creativity skills, please donate your unwanted wooden chairs for others to create with! Those old chairs and stools in your attic can be put to good use! We are looking for some really unique and creative looking chairs for this auction.

Did I mention that we are judging these chairs also? The more creative, the better! We are awarding ribbons to those that win Staff Favorite (best chair by department of HMH), People's Choice (*best chair by individual*), Civic's choice (*best chair by volunteer group*), and Officials Choice (*best chair by a business*). You will get your chance to vote for your favorite chair in October as well as bid on the one that catches your eye. So do your very best with your creativity and help out the hospital during our "Chili and Chair-ity Event."