

Share the Fuund — Frequently Asked Questions



A Little Help, A Lot of Magic!

Everyone deserves a chance to be part of the Service Auction!

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who participated in our Chili Cook-Off and Bake-Off, we raised almost **\$800 for Share the Fuund!**

This money is available to help Northwoods members participate in the Bewitched Service Auction, even when their budgets might not allow it. Whether you need a little extra help or wouldn't otherwise be able to participate, Share the Fuund is here for you!

What is Share the Fuund?

Share the Fuund is a pool of money raised by our Northwoods community to help make the Service Auction accessible to everyone. The biggest source of this money is our kickoff event, the Chili Cookoff. Some of the money comes from direct donations for this specific cause. We don't want finances to keep anyone from enjoying the auction, bidding on items, or attending fun sign-up events with fellow members.

How do I request Share the Fuund assistance?

It's easy! Just complete the Share the Fuund request form on the Service Auction Links Page. All requests are collected and reviewed privately, and the available funds are distributed based on the requests received.

How much money can I receive?

We have almost **\$800 total** to share! The amount each person receives will depend on how many requests come in. Our goal is to help as many people participate as possible.

What can I use Share the Fuund money for?

You can use your allocated funds to participate in the Service Auction!

Some possibilities include:

- **Silent Auction:** Bid on baskets, artwork, gifts, and other wonderful items.
- **Sign-Up Parties & Events:** Join a game night, dinner party, cookie decorating class, or another fun experience.
- **Live Auction:** You may be able to bid on live auction items, although your allocation might not cover the cost of some of the larger offerings.

There are lots of ways to participate and have fun, no matter how much you have available to spend!

What if I have some money of my own to spend? Can I still request assistance?

Absolutely! Share the Fuund isn't just for people who have NO auction budget. If you've saved a little money but could use some extra help to participate in more activities, you're welcome to apply.

You can combine your own money with your Share the Fuund allocation. It's not an all-or-nothing situation!

Can my partner and I both request Share the Fuund assistance?

Yes! Every individual church member is eligible to submit a request if needed.

Share the Fuund is not limited to one request per household. If you and your partner would both benefit from assistance, you can each complete your own form.

Is my request private? Who will see my information?

Yes! Your privacy is important to us.

Jamie is the only person who receives and reviews Share the Fuund request forms. She already works with Northwoods' financial information and is experienced in handling sensitive information confidentially.

You do not need to share your financial situation with the Service Auction Committee or other church members.

How will I know how much assistance I'm receiving?

After all requests have been submitted and reviewed, the available funds will be divided based on the requests received. You'll then be informed of the amount allocated to you.

Is there any reason I shouldn't apply?

If financial assistance would make it easier for you to participate in the auction, **we encourage you to fill out the form!**

Whether you need help participating at all or just a little extra to enjoy more of the auction, that's what Share the Fuund is for.

The Real Magic Is Our Community!

The Service Auction is about more than fundraising. It's about bringing people together, creating memories, and supporting our Northwoods community.

If a little extra auction money would help you join the fun, please fill out the confidential Share the Fuund request form.

Because nobody should have to miss out on the magic!