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LOT 1 | GROW

Acrylic on Canvas

Collaboration by Artist Letitia Lee and ForKids Suffolk Kids

Hampton born artist Letitia Lee inspired the children in our Suffolk Beyond the Bell afterschool program to bring the future to life in this otherworldly plant. Firmly rooted so it can grow and thrive, its strong lower leaves support the delicate flower inside. See it reaching for the sunshine as it prepares to bloom. It is impossible to decide what that is on top, even after great youthful debate. A bud? A bean? An antenna?

Generously framed by Wiley Francisco of Calvin & Lloyd



LOT 2 | LIGHT SPEED TO LOUISVILLE

Kentucky Derby Clubhouse Courtyard Tickets and 3-Night Stay for 2

Off to the races! It is time to head to the 144th Kentucky Derby. Known for being “the fastest two minutes in sports,” the Kentucky Derby is the thrill of a lifetime. To ensure you’re properly prepared, you’ll receive two new derby hats, one from *Worth the Wait* in Virginia Beach and one from *Little Stitch Studio*, as well as a trio of small-batch, reserve Kentucky bourbons and ryes. The fun does not stop there. You and a guest will receive two Clubhouse Courtyard tickets (next to Millionaire’s Row) to the 144th Kentucky Derby and the Kentucky Oaks Races on May 4th & 5th, including full service in-suite hospitality with gourmet food buffet and premium open bar. Also receive two VIP Fast Access Passes with access to the finish line. You will stay three nights at the historic 1840 Tucker House complete with a welcome dinner and transportation to and from the track both days. Air travel included.



Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks Races, May 4th and 5th, 2018
1840 Tucker House, May 3 - May 6, 2018

Generously donated by Greg Abel, Worth the Wait, Little Stitch Studio and Thaler McCormick

LOT 3 | KALEIDOSCOPE HOPE

Acrylic on Canvas

Collaboration by Artist Solomon Isekeije and the Children of Haven House

Solomon: How does this piece make you feel?

Zariah: It makes me feel swirly!

The children of the Haven House family shelter found a gentle friend as well as inspiration in artist Solomon Isekeije. He challenged the children to express their imaginations through painting and to really think about the meaning of the beautiful piece they created together. “I think it’s about how music is in a bright and colorful world,” said 6-year-old Izaak. In this joyous canvas, the young artists give us a peek into their swirly, bright, music-filled imaginations.



Solomon Isekeije, born in Nigeria, is a contemporary, African diaspora artist and the Director of the Fine Arts Division at Norfolk State University. He is very involved in the community and believes in order to teach his students, he has to set an example, which is why he painted one of the beautiful murals in the Neon District of Norfolk.

**“THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON
WHAT YOU DO TODAY.”
– MAHATMA GANDHI**

LOT 4 | 5-STAR FOOD ODYSSEY

Private wine dinner for 10 with Harper Bradshaw of Harper's Table

Host an intimate wine paired, multi-course dinner for 10 in your home with Harper Bradshaw, highly acclaimed James Beard chef and owner of the award-winning Harper's Table restaurant located in the heart of downtown Suffolk. Harper will be there to cook with his favorite two ingredients: hospitality and class, while local wine Guru Bill Averett, of Roanoke Valley Wine Company, will be there to pair and pour. Harper's Table was ranked the #1 restaurant in Southeastern Virginia by Coastal Virginia magazine's Platinum Plate Awards in 2015. Without a doubt, this dynamic duo will ensure an out of this world experience!



Date to be mutually agreed on with Chef Harper and Bill Averett May 1, 2018 - April 14, 2019

Generously donated by Harper and Laura Bradshaw and Bill Averett

MORE THAN 175 CHILDREN RECEIVE BEYOND THE BELL TUTORING EACH WEEK.

LOT 5 | SPITTING SHELLS

by Ta'Myiah, age 13 & Robin Rogers, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio

*"I like eating sunflower seeds and seeing how far I can spit the shells.
The best part is you don't grow a flower in your stomach."*

Part 1: Paper collage

Ta'Myiah and her family have been with ForKids for the past eight months, now living in an apartment they can call home. ForKids Education Advocate Chamika shared how much Ta'Myiah, a 6th grader from Suffolk, loves music and sports and that her favorite hobby is singing. She was excited and a little shocked to be selected to create a piece at the Chrysler Museum Glass Studio based on her beautiful mosaic. Being picked up on a Saturday to go work on the piece made her mother's day when she realized what a big deal this particular field trip would be.



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Part 2: Glass sculpture via glassblowing and flame-working

Glass sculptor Robin Rogers, his wife Julia, and resident artists helped Ta'Myiah transform her mosaic into a piece that captured her original image. Robin is the Glass Studio Manager at *Chrysler Museum Glass Studio*. He earned a B.F.A. from the Columbus College of Art & Design and an M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University. Robin has worked in glass studios nationwide and ran his own glass business in Missoula, Montana.



LOT 6 | YOUR URBAN ESCAPE POD

2018 Toyota C-HR XLE

Your Blizzard Pearl escape pod is primed and ready to roll! The C-HR is a brand new addition to the Toyota lineup offering a bold, diamond-themed exterior that promises to turn heads in galaxies far, far away. The C-HR features futuristic exterior elements like LED daytime running lights, vortex style 18-inch alloy wheels, an aerodynamic rear spoiler and unique rear door handles. The C-HR interior expresses modern sophistication thanks to the use of smooth textures, a striking diamond motif and advanced technology like dual zone climate control, a 7-inch touchscreen multimedia head unit, modern Bluetooth, quick access audio controls, USB and auxiliary inputs and streaming services. The interior boasts a whopping 19 cubic feet of cargo space guaranteeing you oodles of space for your friends and their adventure packs. "Let's go places!"



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**"WE DID NOT COME TO FEAR THE FUTURE.
WE CAME HERE TO SHAPE IT."
- BARACK OBAMA**

LOT 7 | LOVE ROCKS

The Williams School 5th Graders and ForKids Kids Maryah, Bless and Somalia

Bright colors rule the day in this collaborative piece by ForKids kids Maryah, Bless and Somalia and 5th graders at The Williams School. The multi-year partnership between ForKids and The Williams School has been fulfilling for both groups of children, and it is led by the remarkably creative Williams School Art Instructor, Linda Ungvarsky. The older students guided the younger children to design patterns within shapes, channeling their imagination as their muse. Eager to transfer their designs to canvas, the budding artists were on a roll as they created Love Rocks!



LOT 10 | THE FORCE AWAKENS

A Year of Peace and Well-Being with Weekend for 8 in Charlottesville Farmhouse

Tap into your inner force with a year of yoga, pampering, a country weekend and great food. Kick off your year with three private yoga therapy sessions and private lifestyle and nutrition consultations for you and a friend. Keep it going with a full year of monthly massages for 2, and one year of *unlimited* yoga classes for 2 at *The Space Above Yoga Therapy Center*. Then invite 7 of your friends on a relaxation-packed weekend of wellness for 8 at the beautiful modern farmhouse, *Bonnie Doon*, just outside Charlottesville, Virginia on seven rolling acres in the Village of Ivy. Your two-night yoga retreat weekend will be complete with the finest local fare meals, a private wine and cheese tasting in the library of the *Barboursville Vineyards*, and a guaranteed weekend of exciting surprises! Back here at home, promote your emotional well-being with a great meal with friends. Chef Anthony Alexandrou, from *Amusing the Bouche*, will provide an elegant Mediterranean meal for 10 in your home and Natasha and Raj Sriraman will provide the wine pairings. Chef Anthony has staged at *Eleven Madison Park*, currently the number one restaurant in the world. The Force will be with you with this great package!



Yoga Retreat subject to availability May 28, 2018-October 1, 2019
Year of Wellness for two must start before October 1, 2018
In-home dinner date to be mutually agreed upon July 1, 2018-April 30, 2019 and home must be located in Hampton Roads

Generously donated by Kim Austin-Peterman, The Space Above Therapy Yoga Center, Barboursville Vineyards, Natasha and Raj Sriraman, Anthony Alexandrou, and a former ForKids board member

LOT 11 | A LITTLE BIT

Acrylic on Foil

Art by Timani, age 11

Quote by Jeremiah, age 7

"A little of this, a little of that. A little of this, a little of that."

Timani is a precocious young lady, excelling in her 6th grade class at Kings Fork Middle School with a 3.0 GPA and a member of the Ladies of Distinction service organization. Her family has received housing assistance with ForKids for the past eight months. A secure home and support beyond the classroom helped Timani reach her maximum potential and to enjoy things she loves to do - drawing and spending time outside. Timani's art, like Timani, is full of texture, movement, and many layers. 7-year-old Jeremiah observed that the layers added up "a little bit of this, a little bit of that" to something beautiful.



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"THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT." - ABRAHAM LINCOLN

LOT 12 | BEST OF BOTH DIMENSIONS

Dinner at Home with Brutti's and Dinner Out at Zoës

It's the never ending debate – stay in or go out for dinner? We've got you covered! Enjoy a very special evening in your home with a delicious meal for 12, including wine, prepared by Chef Nick Vedia of *Brutti's Catering*. Since 1993, people have traveled from all over Hampton Roads to Portsmouth to enjoy *Brutti's* beautiful, and always plentiful, cuisine. As a bonus, our friend Charles Greenhood of *Brutti's* will give you 1 dozen Bagel Nutz (a *Brutti's* invention of cream cheese filled bagels) every month for one year!

For the occasion when only dining out will suffice, head toward the oceanfront for an award-winning dinner for 8 at *Zoës*, Virginia Beach, in the restaurant's new wine room. Sommelier Marc Sauter, an Advance Master Sommelier Candidate within the Court of Master Sommeliers, will join you to pair selections from a superior wine list with a sophisticated menu. The team at *Zoës* knows no boundaries when preparing for a private party and will take your evening from special to spectacular.

Brutti's dates to be mutually agreed on, excluding Christmas, Thanksgiving, and New Year's
Zoës dates to be mutually agreed on, Monday – Thursday
Package Expires April 30, 2019



Generously donated by Zoës and Brutti's Catering

LOT 13 | FK30

Sculpture from Recycled Materials

Collaboration by Artist and Educator Richard Nickel and Zion, age 10

Inspired by this year's auction theme, Zion says, "My robot can build anything you can imagine!" Equipped with a lifting tool and wheels and a penchant for HGTV, FK30 believes in helping others. Programmed by remote control, he sports a measuring tape for precision, shades for that cool robot vibe and a soul that understands love. With binoculars resting on his very strong arms and a headlight on his chest, FK30 is politely focused on one thing only. "Quiet please, I am imagining the future."

Richard Nickel is a frequent collaborator with ForKids kids and an active artist and educator. He began teaching at ODU as the Art Education Program Director and Ceramics Director in 2002. He has been awarded several grants for research in education and ceramics. Richard received his degree in Art Education from State University College at Buffalo and a Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania.



Generously mounted for display by Clark Williamson and Chrysler Museum of Art

LOT 14 | SPACE JAM

Backyard Bash for 100 (x2)

Take your backyard to another dimension with one of these two party packages. The highest bidder will select their preferred jam and the second bidder will win the other. Each party package receives \$800 worth of equipment rentals from *Virginia Special Events*, a one-of-kind ice-luge from *Ice Art* and libations for 100. Space Jam Number One brings the coast to your backyard with catering from local's favorite *HK on the Bay* and beach music and oldies from *The Tiki Bar Band*. Bring on the island vibes and invite your closest space cadets to keep calm and get their beach on! Space Jam Number Two will heat things up with authentic barbeque from South Norfolk's *Vicki Jo "To-Go"* and awesome sides and desserts from *No Frill Bar and Grill*, and music from classic rock band *Fretomology*. Whatever the occasion, you can't go wrong with good food, good friends and good music.

Expires April 30, 2019

Generously donated by HK on the Bay, Virginia Special Events, Tiki Bar Band, Vicki Jo To-Go, No Frill Bar and Grill, Ice Art, and Fretomology



LOT 15 | BOUQUET OF HEARTS

Hot Glass and Virginia Granite

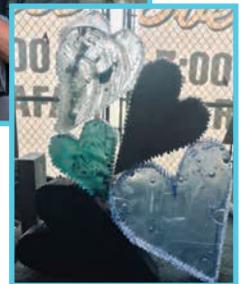
Collaboration by Fine Art Sculptor Matthew Fine and Erica Williams-Huffaker, age 12

Erica's mom was teaching high school and college classes in Texas when she lost her job. Erica was in 4th grade when the two arrived in Norfolk and found their way to ForKids. While living at Haven House emergency shelter, Erica's mom got busy and found a long-term substitute teaching position in the public school system. At the same time, Erica adjusted to her new school and maintained straight A's throughout the transition. Before long, they left Haven House for a permanent home of their own. Now a 6th grader, Erica continues to thrive, balancing academics with playing the violin in orchestra and running track.

Fine Art Sculptor Matthew Fine has been making sculpture since 1983.

Inspired by the interaction and juxtaposition of hot cast glass and granite, Matt shares, "There is a bit of imperfection in every aspect of my work, an undeniable relationship to the human condition." Erica began with the idea to build a robot, but her "Love" t-shirt inspired an entirely new vision she and

Matt worked together to create in the studio.

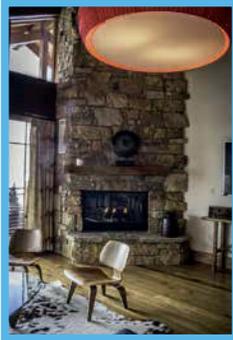


LAST YEAR, FORKIDS IMPACTED THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 49,000 INDIVIDUALS FROM 14 CITIES IN HAMPTON ROADS.

LOT 16 | GRAVITY

Jackson Hole 7-Night Ski Trip or Summer Get-Away

Long known as the ultimate mountain town destination, Jackson Hole offers something for everyone, year-round! Your 7-night stay will be complete with a stay in a three-bedroom, 3-bath condo, a full kitchen, dining room, fireplace, balcony and access to Teton Village amenities. Enjoy private ski lessons with day passes for 6, three additional 5-day ski passes and a \$300 gift card to *Il Villaggio Osteria* restaurant. Meet a few of the guardians of this particular galaxy, aka *Teton Gravity Research* featured skiers and snowboarders, and take a private tour of the renowned wildlife artist Dwayne Harty's studio. Perhaps you're more inclined to visit a warmer atmosphere? Then we will substitute skiing for a guided raft trip down the Snake River.



Blackout Dates:

President's Weekend 2019 and all major holidays. No blackout dates if the bidding exceeds \$20,000!!

Generously donated by Kelly Sokol

**"IT IS NOT IN THE STARS TO HOLD OUR
DESTINY BUT IN OURSELVES."
- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**

LOT 17 | IHANA'S TREE

Acrylic on Canvas

Collaboration by Professional Artist Jean Peacock and Ihana, age 9

What happens when two creative spirits who love to share jokes come together? A force field of fun and *Ihana's Tree*! Ihana began her collaboration with award-winning artist Jean Peacock by drawing the picture – a contently smiling girl, happy clouds, a friendly cat and a tree – an ideal scene in the eyes of a child. Then, Jean added her whimsical touch and signature vibrant colors to the canvas. As a ForKids kid, Ihana faces challenges many children will never know, but her imagination, creativity and resilience keep a smile on her face, just like the one she drew.



This is Jean's 16th year participating in the ForKids Children's Art Auction. She has had many one- and two-person exhibitions throughout Southeastern Virginia and participates in juried and invitational exhibitions where she has received many "Juror's Choice" and "Best in Show" awards. She has a studio at the *d'ART Center* in Norfolk and resides in Olde Towne Portsmouth. Her work is currently displayed in the *Gertrude's Group* opening at *Offsite Gallery* in The WorldTrade Center in Norfolk.

LOT 18 | ROCKET MAN

New York Trip for 4 and Elton John “Farewell Yellow Brick Road – The Final Tour”

Grab your electric boots and mohair suits. Elton John is coming to *The Garden* as part of his 300-show farewell tour of the galaxy. You will fly first class to and from New York and spend three nights in New York City, Thursday, October 18th – Saturday, October 20th, at the Manhattan Club, a boutique hotel in mid-town. You and three guests can stay in an elegant one-bedroom suite with all the comforts of home, including bedroom with queen bed, living room with full-size sleeper sofa, 1.5 baths, flat screen TV and kitchenette. On Friday October 19th you will have a glitter-filled night to remember with Elton John, sci-fi rock god, at his “Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour.”

To get your rockets revved, The Virginia Symphony and Waypoint Advisors is providing an Elton John Pops Concert Picnic Basket to be enjoyed at an evening performance of “The Music of Elton John” tribute Sunday, July 29th by the Virginia Symphony Orchestra at Town Point Park in Norfolk. The basket includes a magnum bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne, 4-person wicker picnic basket, portable wooden picnic table in-a-bag, 4 VSO wine glasses, 4 VSO tee shirts, fleece blanket and gourmet picnic treats. *It’s gonna be a long long time till touchdown brings Elton round again...*

All concert, flight and hotel dates are pre-booked and cannot be changed.

Generously donated by Janice Thaler, The Virginia Symphony and Waypoint Advisors



LOT 19 | WITHIN REACH

Watercolor Gabby, age 7

Gabby struggles with a learning disability. But she has been receiving one-on-one daily tutoring from a dedicated ForKids volunteer, now knows her colors, numbers and letters and has experienced so much growth that she is expected to be promoted to the next grade. When not focused on her schoolwork, Gabby, with her two younger sisters, delights in music and serenading everyone *Within Reach*.

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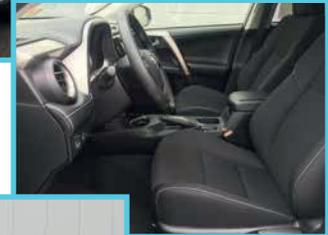
LOT 20 | YOUR STARSHIP ENTERPRISE

2018 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid XLE

Blast off into the “green” future in this clean, modern, sleek, and sporty SUV. Built for customizable comfort, you’ll be able to tame chilly nights with the multi-stage heated seats and dual zone climate control. With a sophisticated Silver Sky Metallic exterior and black interior, the RAV4 Hybrid comes with audio and Bluetooth controls, backup camera, and reclining and folding second row seats. Your next adventure awaits. Your RAV4 includes All Wheel Drive, Eco and Sport modes, roof rails, all weather floor liners, a lift gate, and cargo tray to carry all of your time-travel essentials. Power your travel with push button start, three 12V power outlets and a USB port. You’ll be sure to enjoy every moment, day or night, with privacy windows and a moon roof. Prepare to blast off!

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LOT 21 | GOOEY EGG

Acrylic on Aluminum

Art by Israel, age 6

Quote by Langston, age 6

“This is supposed to be the solar system, but that looks like an egg. The egg is too close to the sun so it’s being fried. The egg just opened up and goo is spilling out.”

Israel and his family have been with ForKids for eight months in the Suffolk Rapid Rehousing program. He is a first grader at Booker T. Washington Elementary School where he is currently a straight A student. Israel has a passion for reading and reads on a third grade level. With a stable home, he is thriving in school. It is clear his buddy Langston has an appetite for a good story; we love the out of this world description he shared with us about Israel’s picture!



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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN!**