



No Room at the Inn Virtual Gala 2020 – FAQ's

Our No Room at the Inn Virtual Gala is happening on Friday, December 4th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.!

Are you ready to "get together" virtually (through the magic on the internet) to have some fun, celebrate the goodness of the incarnation and... help our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness?

This virtual event isn't our typical gala, so we've lined up some Frequently Asked Questions to help you have the best night ever!

How do I attend the event?

If you haven't registered yet, do it now (it's free)! You can access our virtual event from our Church of the Redeemer website at www.ChurchRedeemer.org by clicking on the nativity. Clicking on the nativity will take you to both our auction bidding and virtual program, which is being hosted by our partner, School Auction. To participate in the event, you will need to **Register**. By registering, you will receive email and text reminders about the event and will also get a bid number to participate in the auction. Register by clicking **here** (www.redeemerva.schoolauction.net/noroom), or clicking on the REGISTER NOW button on Redeemer's webpage.

Does it cost anything to attend?

No! There is no charge for the Gala, but donations will be accepted – remember, this is a fundraiser to help our neighbors experiencing homelessness!

Who are the 2020 beneficiaries?

Proceeds from this year's No Room at the Inn will support Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF), which provides emergency rent to prevent eviction in Hanover, and My Path Forward, which provides young people aging out of Virginia's foster care system with stable housing and employment, and build at least one house in Haiti.

When should I register for the event?

Register now or by Friday, November 27th to be "in the know" about all of **our awesome auction items**. Auction items this year include a chef's dinner party for eight with wine pairing, a backyard beer and BBQ for eight, a yard cleanup, and a beautiful framed painting by a Haitian artist.

When should I attend the event?

Be sure to log in on Friday, December 4th by 6:45 and get settled in for the program to start at 7 pm.

You can watch the event three different ways:

From the Church's website www.churchredeemer.org

Going directly to our School Auction partner page www.redeemerva.schoolauction.net/noroom

Watching from the No Room at the Inn Facebook page: Search: No Room at the Inn Mechanicsville VA

Will this be boring like other virtual meetings?

No Way!! Our hosts will bring tons of energy to your screen, you'll have a chance to view nativities, and hear a performance by Redeemer's talented choir. Plus, you will hear inspiring stories from our beneficiaries, and the auction is packed with terrific items, so bid high and bid often!

We will begin the evening with a prayer from Father Jim, then during the next hour we'll get auction updates before bidding ends at 7:45 p.m., hear personal stories about featured nativities, learn about our three beneficiaries, and watch a special presentation from Redeemer's choir. We'll end the evening with our famous Diamond in a Box drawing.

I loved the Diamond in a Box last year, will there be any diamonds this year?

We will be selling boxes for \$25 after masses the weekends of November 14-15 and 21-22. You can also purchase a box from the office and we plan to have some available on the auction site. There are only 100 boxes for sale, so buy yours early!

Tell me about the Auction Items!

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How do I make a donation during the event?

There will be a DONATE NOW button available during the event.

How do I make a bid?

When you register you will receive an email confirming your registration and a "personal link" to attain your bid number. Once the auction goes live on Friday, November 27 you'll be able to start bidding...be sure to "vault" your credit card before we go live using your personal link. The auction runs from November 27 until 7:45 p.m. on December 4.

How will I receive my auction items and/or raffle items?

The church will be open on Saturday, December 5th between 10-2 for individuals to pick up their items.

How can I multiply my impact?

This year, we have a new category of sponsorship called “Friends of No Room at the Inn”. We have a generous “friend” willing to match your individual donations and DOUBLING the impact to help our neighbors who need it most!

Visit our E-Giving Site

(<https://churchredeemer.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FriendsofNoRoomattheInn>) to support No Room in a big, new way!

Can I share the No Room at the Inn Gala on Facebook?

Yes! Please help us share information about our Gala, our auction items and our mission to help our neighbors near and far find safe and affordable housing!

Reach out to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and networks. We want to engage as many people as possible. Please use...#NoRoomAtTheInnGala, #EndHomelessness and tag **No Room at the Inn** when sharing on Facebook!

We also hope you will show appreciation to our sponsors...

Gold sponsors for the event are Kelleher HVAC, Appliances and Bedding on Lakeside, Diamonds Direct, Liberty Homes, Thompson McMullan, Hear Virginia, and Franco’s Family Fund. We are grateful for all of our sponsors including Commonwealth Blinds and Shades, The Closet Factory, Custom Kitchens, Hometown Realty, AMH Print Group, Giovanni’s, It’s A Breeze Specialties, and Carpet America.