



December 29, 2025

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Since 1891, the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association has served as an important cultural anchor in our community. Its legacy endures today, fostering life-long learning and improving the quality of life for our members, friends, and guests.

As a member of our community, you may already know that the Nineteenth Century carries out its important mission by supporting education and cultural enrichment by:

- Providing a space of sharing and networking for our thriving membership;
- Awarding yearly college scholarships to 16 OPRF High School students for all 4 years of their undergraduate programs;
- Offering approximately 50 humanities events yearly encompassing music, art, literature, science, social science, and dance. Some of the events are held at reduced fees or free
- Sharing our landmark building with dozens of area not-for-profit organizations at no cost or at reduced rates;
- And, donating hats, mittens and blankets handmade by members of NCCA's Needle Arts Group to local not-for-profit agencies who serve low-income families and children; collecting household goods and foods for donation to community organizations and food banks.

We are asking for your support for the NCCA's "**Under the Western Sky**" Gala to be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Our Gala fundraiser is vital for our organization to continue its mission of strengthening our community through learning, giving and the sharing of our landmark building. We hope you support the NCCA with a sponsorship or donated silent auction item.

We are primarily looking for:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sponsorships (see form for levels)</li><li>• Dining experiences or food</li><li>• Wine/Alcohol</li><li>• Entertainment experiences</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gift certificates</li><li>• Home services like lawn care or Handyman</li><li>• Vacation homes or travel experiences</li></ul> |
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Thank you so much for your consideration. Please contact our Executive Director, Jeanne Schultz Angel, with questions or comments at 708-386-2729 or [jangel@nineteenthcentury.org](mailto:jangel@nineteenthcentury.org).

Best regards,

Gala Committee Member

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## GALA AUCTION DONATION FORM

*Thank you for donating to our auction. We are looking for material goods, experiences, or services. All proceeds from the event benefit our mission. Please return this form to: Nineteenth Century, 178 Forest Ave. Oak Park, IL 60301 or info@nineteenthcentury.org.*

**Name:**

**Business/Organization:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Donated Item:**

**Estimated Value:**

**Description:**

**Special Instructions or Restrictions:**

**Office Only**

**Solicitor Name:**

**Phone:**

**Date:**

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