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Dear Friend of Michigan Preservation:

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) invites you to contribute an item to our silent and live auctions to be held at our 30th Annual Fall Benefit in October. MHPN is *the* membership organization in Michigan dedicated to recognizing and preserving the state's architectural and cultural heritage. Your item, when auctioned, provides financial support for our efforts.

THE EVENT: This year we're in Adrian, a town of just over 20,000 residents, serving as the Lenawee County seat since 1838. Its rich history is reflected in its historic downtown, neighborhoods, and civic buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Our venue – the Adrian Armory – was built between 1924-1925. Tudor in styling, the masonry Armory has an imposing entrance framed by turrets and battlement. We'll be there from 5:00-8:30 PM on Sunday, October 20; an optional walking tour is beforehand. (Do take a look! www.mhpn.org/fall-benefit/)

CAN YOU HELP US? We're looking for unique donations. Popular items include entertainment packages, historic tours, overnight stays at historic hotels and B&B's, books, hand-crafted items and works of art both high-brow and low-brow, and gift certificates of all types. The best items are often those that are hard to come by.

RECOGNIZING YOUR DONATION: As an auction item donor, you will receive recognition in the evening's program, on the item's bid description, and in the MHPN's annual report. Your donation will be acknowledged and may be tax deductible because the MHPN is a 501(c)3 organization.

We have enclosed a donation form to use if you decide to make a donation! **The deadline for receipt of donated items is Friday, October 11, 2024.** If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Many thanks!

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