

Live Auction Items

WONDERFUL WINE WEEKEND

Get ready to bid on an unforgettable escape into the heart of Texas Hill Country—a luxury retreat for designed for rest, connection, and savoring life's sweetest moments. The Wonderful Wine Weekend is an exclusive, all-inclusive experience for eight guests, offered only through the Journey to Freedom live auction.

You'll enjoy 4 days and 4 nights at Rio de Arcadia, a stunning riverside B&B on the Guadalupe River. With two private homes, each with 2 bedrooms and ensuite baths, this peaceful estate offers space and comfort for your whole group. Lounge by the negative-edge pool, soak in the hot tub, gather around the fire pit, or enjoy the giant deck, private amphitheater, river access, and even 4-hole putt putt golf. (Excludes major holiday weeks/weekends; must be booked through Howell and Debbie Ridout at least 3 months in advance; valid for one year from the auction date.)

But the real indulgence? The culinary and vineyard experiences that await:

Gourmet Dinners On-Site

- Dinner on the Deck provided by Cafe at the Ridge
- Texas BBQ Night provided by Bill's BBQ, to be eaten outdoors with Hill Country charm
- Italian Dinner Below provided by Il Posto, to eat on the river-level patio under the stars
- Breakfast at the Pool provided by Rio Ranch Café

Two Full Wine Tour Days

Transportation provided by Hwy 16 & 290 Wine Tour Excursions —no maps, no worries, just sit back and sip.

Kerrville/Comfort Wine Tour:

- Singing Water Vineyards – Private Wine Tasting
- Kerrville Hills Winery – Private Wine Tasting

Fredericksburg Wine Tour:

- Becker Vineyards – Private Tour + Tasting at the vineyard estate
- Texas Wine Collective – Tasting at their celebrated tasting room outside Fredericksburg

This is more than a weekend—it's a curated experience, crafted with hospitality, beauty, and joy in mind. It's perfect for friends, couples, or families looking to reconnect and recharge, while supporting the life-restoring work of Mercy Gate Ministries.



SHIELD RANCH HUNT

Experience the thrill of the Texas Hill Country with this unforgettable 2-day hunting adventure for two on the historic 7,400-acre Shield Ranch in Camp Wood, TX. This exclusive opportunity offers access to one of Texas' most ecologically diverse properties, managed for both conservation and exceptional game hunting.

Package Includes:

- 2-day multi-species hunt for 2 people
- Group harvest limit: (2) whitetail bucks, (2) whitetail does, (1) Rio Grande turkey, and unlimited feral pigs and exotics (including aoudad, axis deer, blackbuck antelope, and more)
- 2 nights of on-site lodging
- Transportation to and from blinds
- All meals provided
- Hunt to be scheduled for October 2025 or February 2026 (arranged in advance with Ranch Management)



About the Property:

Shield Ranch Camp Wood is located in western Real County in the scenic Nueces River Watershed. Owned by the Shield-Ayres-Bowen family since 1947, the ranch is nationally recognized for its conservation efforts, with 45% under conservation easement. Home to a rich variety of native and exotic wildlife, this is a low-fence property where exotics roam naturally—offering a true fair-chase experience.

Don't miss your chance to bid on this unique, conservation-minded hunting retreat that blends adventure, stewardship, and the untamed beauty of Texas.

MERCY GATE WOMEN'S ART

This striking mixed media artwork is a heartfelt creation from the courageous women of Mercy Gate. Centered around a golden cross, the piece beautifully weaves together powerful symbols of transformation and hope. A bold monarch butterfly, hand-painted in rich black and golden hues, emerges from the cross—a tribute to the new life found in Christ. Surrounding it, a vibrant array of paper roses and fluttering butterflies made from repurposed materials represent rebirth, healing, and the beauty of restoration.

Crafted with intention, prayer, and personal symbolism, this one-of-a-kind piece is more than art—it's a testimony of redemption. Bid generously and bring home a reminder that beauty always rises from brokenness.



JILL RENO COLLECTION



Elevate your jewelry collection with this exquisite, handcrafted piece from the Jill Reno Collection, known for combining raw natural beauty with fine craftsmanship. This necklace features a stunning 19.96-carat purple turquoise centerpiece—rare, vibrant, and full of character—framed by 1.43 carats of premium Sleeping Beauty turquoise, renowned for its vivid sky-blue hue and clarity.

Each stone is elegantly set in 14K yellow gold, highlighting the rich tones and luxurious feel of the piece. Suspended on a fine gold chain, this necklace blends earthy elegance with high-end sophistication. Whether worn as a statement or cherished as an heirloom, this piece is a showstopper.

Generously donated by the Jill Reno Collection.

Retail Value: \$3,340

COZUMEL VACATION

Escape to paradise with a one-week stay at Cozumel Paradise, an exclusive oceanfront retreat where luxury meets breathtaking beauty. This stunning 3,000 sq. ft. villa offers four private master suites, each with its own full bathroom, ensuring the ultimate comfort and privacy for families or groups.

Wake up to the sound of waves and panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea. Enjoy direct beach access, vibrant snorkeling right offshore, and unforgettable sunsets from your private terrace.

Whether you're lounging in the sun, diving into island adventures, or relaxing in spacious elegance, this is a getaway you'll never forget.



Generously donated as a one-week stay, this incredible package is valued at \$3,500. Don't miss your chance to bid on the ultimate island escape!

For more details and a stunning video tour, visit: cozumelparadise.com

