

HOW Bidding Works

Thank you for joining our On-line portion of the *Celebrity/Business Pumpkin Auction for 2013*. This auction is unique in that bidding is not limited to or ends On-line. What does this mean for you?

1. You are not only competing with bids placed by other On-Line Bidders but also bids are placed at one of the four mall locations in Ottawa. The Mall Managers update the On-line bids with the Mall bids so that the highest bid value is up to date.
2. You can choose to bid only on those Pumpkins at your nearest Mall by clicking on the Mall Name to the left of the page. Otherwise you can check out all pumpkins. Each one will clearly identify where the pumpkin is located. See below for Mall details.
3. At **2 p.m.** on Sunday 27th October the On-Line auction will close and the Lead or Highest bidder will be emailed. This email identifies you as the current highest bidder not the ultimate winner.
4. Mall bidding closes at **3.30 p.m.** on Sunday 27th October. We suggest that if you do not wish to be outbid that you go to the location of your most valued pumpkin and continue bidding on the bidding sheets. If you have more than one Pumpkin bid and they are located at different malls, mention this to the Mall Manager and they will communicate your continued bidding with the other Mall Manager.
5. In the event of a Bidding war between two bidders present, the bidding sheet will be removed 5 minutes before the end of the auction. At 3.30 p.m. the two bidders will be allowed to submit a blind bid for what they wish to bid for the pumpkin. The highest bid will be the ultimate winning bid. The value of this bid will be confidential unless the highest bidder provides this information to the 2nd bidder.
6. If you are not out bid at the Mall and are the ultimate winner you will be contacted by 4 p.m. by telephone where you can provide your credit card details. Please provide the telephone number that you can be reached at this time. You then have until the Mall closes to collect your pumpkins unless other arrangements are made during the telephone conversation. Depending on these instructions we will either hold onto your pumpkin or dispose of it and mail your package if it is tickets etc.
7. In the event that we have not been able to establish contact with you by speaking to you in person or you calling us back by Noon on Tuesday 29th October, you will have forfeited your right as winner and the Pumpkin and prize package will be offered to the 2nd highest bidder. The Children At Risk telephone number is 613 741 8255 or email car@childrenatrisk.ca
8. The value of the prize package does not include the value of the pumpkin unless it has accessories. In the event that your pumpkin rots and is disposed of you may be offered an alternative pumpkin but this is not guaranteed. You will get the decoration accessories as part of your package.

How can I pay for my Prize Package?

Children At Risk accepts Cash, Visa, Mastercard and AMEX for prize package payments.

Who are the Celebrity Carvers?

Newspaper, Radio, Television and Sports personalities along with Ward, Provincial and Federal Politicians and any businesses or private individuals that wish to participate have graciously taken the time to carve or decorate a pumpkin and provide prize packages to tempt bidders. All

funds raised are to Children At Risk as all 3rd party companies have generously provided their goods or services.

Why doesn't the on-line bidder win the prize?

Children At Risk's on-line auction is different from most on-line auctions in that the auction does not end with the winning bidder on-line. At 2 p.m. on Sunday 28th Oct the highest bidder is announced on-line but bidding continues at the Four Malls for another 90 minutes allowing time for on-line bidders to get to the Mall to continue bidding. The reason for this is that pumpkins are perishable and we need winners to take them home with their prize package. We suggest that if you really want to win that you go to the Mall where the pumpkin is located and continue to bid there.

Why does the same person keep out bidding themselves?

As well as on-line, bidding also takes place at the Malls throughout the period and these are added to the on-line bids by the Mall Managers under the Mall ID to keep the highest bid current.

What if I win the prize package and can't get to the Mall before closing?

All ultimate winners will be contacted by Telephone. At this time you can make arrangements to collect the pumpkin either later that evening or from the Office on Monday or Tuesday.

What are the closing times of each Mall?

Carlingwood Shopping Centre - 6 p.m.

Lincoln Field Shopping Centre - 5.30 p.m.

Merivale Mall - 5 p.m.

Place D'Orleans - 5 p.m.

What is the location of each Mall?

Carlingwood Shopping Centre, 2011 Carlingwood Ave, Ottawa. K2A 1H2.

Lincoln Field Shopping Centre, 2525 Carlingwood Ave, Ottawa. K2B 7Z2

Merivale Mall, 1642 Merivale Road, Nepean. K2G 4A1

Place D'Orleans, 110 Place D'Orleans Drive, Ottawa. K1C 2L9

What happens if I can't collect my pumpkin or do not want my pumpkin?

Pumpkins will be kept until Tuesday evening at the Children At Risk offices. After this time they will be disposed of. At the time of winning if you don't wish to have the pumpkin please say so and it will be given to someone else. On occasions pumpkins rot and have to be disposed of during the auction period. This is outside of our control and we will try and replace it with another pumpkin but do not guarantee this.

Can I be mailed my Prize Package ?

If you do not want the pumpkin and the prize package are tickets or easily mailed, these can be mailed to you at the discretion of the Children At Risk office. If decided after the Mall has contacted you on Sunday, please call them to make these arrangements at 613 741 8255.