





Public Auction

The Bearfootin' Bears search for a permanent home each fall as winter nears. In 2020, Friends of Downtown Hendersonville pivoted to a virtual format for the auction, allowing people to bid over the course of a month until a scheduled bidding cutoff. This turned out to be a big success. The same bidding format was continued for the 2021 auction, which raised \$102,000 and then \$140,000 in 2022!

For the 2023 Auction, the Friends of Downtown Hendersonville are continuing with a virtual bidding format. Bidding will begin as early as September 21, 2023 and will come to a close with an exciting in-person event on October 21 at the Historic Court House on Main Street.

Visit downtownhendersonville.org to learn about this event and other happenings in and around Downtown Hendersonville.

Scan here to bid online!



In addition to the wonderful sponsors and artists shown inside this brochure, we thank the City of Hendersonville Public Works Department and North Main Automotive for their support in making the 2023 Bearfootin' Art Walk possible.

For the 2024 sponsorship drive, only 20 Bears are available.

Please contact info@downtownhendersonville.org to be included on the list for more information.

For more information, call

(828) 233-3205 or

Email: info@downtownhendersonville.org
Friends of Downtown Hendersonville



2023 Bearfootin' Auction

September 21 - October 21
All bidding occurs virtually through our bear auction website.

Join us for a countdown celebration on October 21 at the Historic Courthouse Square on Main Street hendersonvillenc.gov/bearfootin







- Bear Name: Hope and Honeycrisp Sponsor: Meliora House of Design Artist: Andrea Martin Beneficiary: Safelight Family
- 2. Bear Name: Lolly Sponsor: Friends of Downtown Hendersonville Artist: Abigail Buckman Beneficiary: Friends of Downtown Hendersonville
- 3. Bear Name: Soul Seeker Sponsor: Laughing Elephant Yoga Artist: Miriam Hughes, Jenny L. Camp, Ramona Manea Beneficiary: Safelight, Inc.
- 4. Bear Name: Lili SandBear Sponsor: The Barn Volunteers of Connemara Farms Artist: Susan Dawood Beneficiary: The Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara, Inc.
- 5. Bear Name: Creativity
 Sponsor: The Arts Council of
 Henderson County
 Artist: Bethany Joy Adams
 Beneficiary: The Arts
 Council of Henderson County
- 6. Bear Name: Blooming
 Kindness
 Sponsor: Children & Family
 Resource Center
 Artist: Phoebe Balcken
 Beneficiary: Children &
 Family Resource Center
- 7. Bear Name: Strollin'
 Sponsor: Etowah Lions Club,
 Hendersonville Lions Club
 Artist: Cathyann Burgess
 Beneficiary: NC Lions Inc.
 Brighter Visions
- 8. Bear Name: Lovie
 Sponsor: Edward Jones
 Fletcher/Captive Minds South Asheville/Heidi Ho On
 The Go Food Truck
 Artist: Carol Clay
 Beneficiary: Charlie's
 Angels Animal Rescue
- 9. Bear Name: Homecoming Sponsor: Hendersonville, NC Elks Lodge 1616 Artist: Effie Grigoropoulou Beneficiary: Veterans Healing Farm
- 10. Bear Name: Home for All Seasons Sponsor: Hendersonville Woman's Club Artist: Lisa Clark, Roseanna Coates, Liberty McMillan Beneficiary: Aura Home Women Veterans

- 11. Bear Name: Beautiful Place
 To Serve
 Sponsor: Bridge Church Hendersonville
 Artist: Elizabeth Pooler
 Beneficiary: First Responder
 Ministries Henderson
 County
- 12. Bear Name: The Spirit of Hendersonville Sponsor: The Super Signguy Artist: Dee Ballenger Beneficiary: Hendersonville Family YMCA
- 13. Bear Name: Blossom Sponsor: Friends of Habitat Artist: Kristie Grove Beneficiary: Henderson County Habitat for Humanity
- 14. Bear Name: Clowning
 Around Bear
 Sponsor: The Hendersonville
 Shrine Club
 Artist: Callie Renee Annas,
 Martin Osteen
 Beneficiary: The Shriners
 Children's Hospitals
- 15. Bear Name: Seek the Joy Sponsor: Schenck Family Conservancy Artist: June Ellen Bradley Beneficiary: Green River Preserve Scholarship Fund
- 16. Bear Name: Thriving in the garden Sponsor: Homestead, Moe's Original Bar B Que, RE/MAX Results, Sherman's Sports and Army Store, Looking Glass Realty Artist: Amy Weinsoff, Diana Levenson Beneficiary: Thrive
- 17. Bear Name: Story Bear Sponsor: Mast Builder's, LLC Artist: Becky Bonnema Beneficiary: Literacy Connection
- 18. Bear Name: Gemma Sponsor: M. Hilton Swing, Broker | REALTOR© Artist: Shayna Knapp Beneficiary: Housing Assistance Corporation
- 19. Bear Name: Koda Sponsor: BMW of Asheville Artist: Laura Bell Beneficiary: United Way of Henderson County
- 20. Bear Name: Buzz
 Sponsor: Hope Coalition
 Board
 Artist: Alicia Eddy
 Beneficiary: Hope Coalition