



Dear Friends,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Illinois Republican Party Red Gala's organizing committee, a passionate group of Republican volunteers dedicated to making a difference in Illinois. Our mission is vital: to raise funds and reenergize our base in order to compete effectively with the Democrats in early voting, Vote-By-Mail (VBM), and Get Out The Vote (GOTV) initiatives.

As we prepare for the Red Gala on April 25th at the Renaissance Schaumburg we are reaching out to ask for your generous support in the form of a donation to our Wine Cellar Auction. Your contribution will play a pivotal role in helping us achieve our goals, and bring about positive change in our beloved state.

Mission and Purpose of the Red Gala:

- **Competing in Critical Initiatives:** Last election cycle, the Democrats invested nearly \$20 million in early voting, VBM, and GOTV initiatives, while we could allocate only approximately \$400,000. This disparity greatly affected the outcomes of many close races. However, Republicans made significant gains in early voting and utilizing VBM as more Republicans embraced voting before Election Day, thanks to the efforts of our first Bank Your Vote gala.

2024 Results

- The ILGOP increased Republican mail and early vote turnout by 35%.
 - 1 in 4 low propensity Republicans voted before Election Day—the highest percentage in Illinois history.
 - Low propensity Republicans voted early and by mail at a higher rate than unreliable Democrats for the first time in IL history, outperforming them by 7.6%.
 - Republicans were the only voting group who increased their share of mail/early voters from 2020 to 2024.
- **Energizing the Republican Base:** Many Illinois Republicans have lost hope over the years, however, our Gala not only serves as a fundraiser, but also as an event that inspires pride and hope within the Republican Party. With our 2nd annual gala, we are creating an annual tradition that Illinois Republicans can rally behind and use as a platform to keep fighting for our values in the state.

Overall Mission:

Our overarching mission is to bring together a group of passionate Republicans in one room, ignite the base's enthusiasm, and leave with a sense of positive momentum leading into the next election cycle. Together, we aim to reclaim Illinois for the Republican Party.

We kindly request your support for our Wine Cellar Auction, which will be a highlight of the Red Gala. Wine donated to the Wine Cellar Auction will either be bought for consumption at the event or taken home to enjoy. Whether you can donate a bottle or a case of fine wine, every contribution will make a difference.

Please consider donating wines with a \$30 retail value or higher to the **Red Gala Wine Cellar**.

Choose the best option for your donation:

- Donate a bottle directly using this wine auction form. Wine can be dropped off to 425 Canterbury Court, Hinsdale.
- You can also choose to order a bottle with our friends at Hinsdale Wine Shop. Place an order directly with them, they will hold your order and we will pick it up! Hinsdale Wine Shop is donating 10% of proceeds back to the Illinois Republican Party too! Stop in at their location 12 E Hinsdale Ave, Hinsdale or call (630) 654-9862.
- Or you can make a monetary contribution rather than wine, so that we may purchase bottles in your name for the auction. Mail checks to Illinois Republican Party, PO Box 78, Springfield, IL 62705. Make checks payable to Illinois Republican Party and note "wine auction" in the memo. Or you can contribute online **[here](#)**.

Please email us at auction@illinois.gop if you have any questions or need further information about our event. Your support is invaluable in helping us achieve our mission, and we are excited about the positive impact we can create together.

Thank you for considering our request. Your support is invaluable, and we are excited about the positive impact we can create together in growing the Illinois Republican Party.

Tickets for the event are available to purchase **[here](#)** as well as other opportunities for sponsorship.

Sincerely,

Cathy Carmichael and Molly Gibson
Wine Auction Chairs
Red Gala

Contributions are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Funds received in response to this solicitation will be deposited in the Illinois Republican Party federal account, unless otherwise prohibited by law. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to obtain and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Contributions from foreign nationals are prohibited. Corporate contributions to the federal account are prohibited, and will be deposited into the state account. A copy of our report is available at the Illinois State Board of Elections and the Federal Election Commission.

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ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN PARTY
Wine Cellar Auction Donation Form

Donor Name: _____

Business Name: (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

(Required for all donations exceeding \$200 per calendar year.)

Wine Donation Details

Wine Description:

Wine Name: _____ Winery/Producer _____

Vintage (if applicable): _____ Type: (Red, White, Rose, ect) _____

Quantity: _____ bottles Approximate Retail Value per Bottle: \$: _____

Delivery/Pick-Up Information: _____

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Additional Wine Donations (please use back of this form and/or separate sheet if needed)

Mail a donation to purchase wine in your name to:
Illinois Republican Party | P.O. Box 78 | Springfield, IL 62705
EMAIL: auction@illinois.gop



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