

CH Education Foundation GO BIG RED Event This Friday

In conjunction with Homecoming basketball games, the Chapel Hill Education Foundation (CHEF) will be holding the 14th Annual GO BIG RED Event this Friday (1/25) from 4-8 PM in the multipurpose facility.

GO BIG RED is the Foundation's annual fundraiser to support student scholarships and teacher grants. The event includes a come and go dinner of chicken stew or chili & tamales with dessert and a drink for \$5. There is also a silent auction of items donated by many generous local businesses; winners for a iPad Pro, \$500 cash, a YETI Cooler, and a Playstation 4 will be drawn near the end of the evening.

The chicken stew and chili are prepared by Chapel Hill staff, the Nor-Tex Volunteer Fire Department, and the Texas Forest Service. This year's tamales are being made by Chapel Hill Culinary Arts and Spanish classes in conjunction with CHHS family members knowledgeable in tamale making. To earn points toward scholarships, students bring desserts and ingredients for the dinner, which is also sponsored by Advantage Copy Solutions. All of the \$5 dinner ticket proceeds go directly to scholarships and tickets may be purchased from students who earn points toward scholarships for selling them or at the event.

The silent auction includes about 200 items across multiple interests and categories. Feature items include: a disc wok propane cooker (sponsored by Guaranty Bank & Trust and Conroy Tractor), a one-year HVAC service agreement (from Wood A/C), breakfast for a year (from [Herschel's Restaurant - Mount Pleasant, TX](#)), two custom firepits (from the [Chapel Hill Northeast FFA](#)), and accent tables with USB charger ports (from [Everybody's Furniture](#)). Other items include: food and entertainment gift certificates and baskets, home decor and art, Chapel Hill sports memorabilia and balls signed by the current teams, and unique *student opportunities like Team Manager or Cheerleader for a Game.

The auction will open Friday at Noon online across the [Handbid](#) app. The HandBid app is available for download to your device through the Apple Store or Google Play or can be accessed at [HandBid.com](#) from you computer. Items in the auction will be available for preview online beginning Thursday morning. The auction items and physical silent auction will open at 4 PM on Friday in the multipurpose. The auction will end about 8PM on Friday evening. Credit Card, check and cash are accepted.

The raffle for the iPad Pro, \$500 cash, YETI cooler and Playstation 4 is sponsored by Mount Pleasant Eye Care Center, KLC Video Security, Baxter Clean Care / Elite Rfinishers & East Texas Children's Dentistry. Tickets are \$10 and are pm sale from CHHS students, who earn points from selling them, or at the event until the drawing at halftime of the Boys Varsity game. They may also be purchased across the HandBid app.

Last year, the Chapel Hill Education Foundation (CHEF) gave over \$28,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and \$15,000 in teacher innovation grants. CHEF continues to work to address educational funding needs including future programs to support teacher professional development opportunities, start-up cost for instruction in new areas, and work-training & dual credit through NTCC. GO BIG RED is the primary fundraiser for supporting these programs.

The twenty member Chapel Hill Education Board is led by President Shane McNeil. Officers are: Admin VP Keith Strickland, Development VP Trent Abbott, Programs VP Susan Cicman, Promotions VP Melody Henry, and Secretary Mike Hall. Anyone who would like to assist with CHEF can contact one of the officers or the CH Business Office.

GO BIG RED and CHEF are generously supported by a number of local sponsors. [Cox Logistics llc](#) is this year's event Cornerstone Sponsor. Their \$2,500 sponsorship will provide one \$1,000 scholarship and several \$250 scholarships to graduating Seniors. Walmart is the teacher grant Cornerstone sponsor having provided a Walmart Foundation grant of \$2,500 to support the program.

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If your business or organization would like to become a sponsor or sponsor an item for silent auction, contact Mike Hall at 903-767-5620.