

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER

VMC

2026 WINE & SHINE

benefitting Volunteer Ministry Center

**Auction Item
Opportunities**

Friday, July 17, 2026 | 6:00 pm
Crowne Plaza Knoxville

WINE & SHINE

You're invited to an evening out benefitting **Volunteer Ministry Center!** Sip a selection of premium moonshines and a collection of spectacular wines, complemented by perfect appetizer pairings, presented by Wine Host, Candace Viox of Water into Wine. Enjoy a delightful evening with entertainment presented by **Award-Winning Artist, Matt Leadbetter**, a delicious dinner buffet prepared by the talented team at the Crowne Plaza Knoxville, and an energetic live auction with legendary Auctioneer, Bear Stephenson! You can also bid on fabulous and unique items in our silent auction while sipping and mingling! WBIR Anchor, Brittany Bailey, will be our Emcee for the evening, and we hope you'll be a part of this fun evening while raising funds to help us prevent and end homelessness in Knoxville!

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Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC) was established in 1987 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency whose mission is to prevent and end homelessness, through compassion, accountability, and results.

At VMC, we serve those who are at the highest risk by offering high quality case management to support them on their journey to achieving housing. VMC has two permanent supportive housing units and offers services to help neighbors in crisis sustain housing.

We are committed to preventing and ending homelessness in our community. Through strategic fundraising events, we not only generate critical support for our programs but also build meaningful connections between community members and partners like you. We invite you to partner with us as a valued sponsor and guest of our event. This partnership offers a unique opportunity to make a tangible local impact while enhancing your visibility as a community-focused leader and concerned citizen.

VMC has helped over 1,500 neighbors find freedom from the streets. You can learn more about VMC's life changing programs at vmcinc.org.



JOIN US FOR WINE & SHINE WITH SPECIAL EMCEE, WBIR ANCHOR, BRITTANY BAILEY

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY AWARD WINNING ARTIST



MATT LEADBETTER - RESOPHONIC GUITAR

His work has been recognized by his peers with honors including SPBGMA Dobro Performer of the Year (2025, 2026) and IBMA Resophonic Guitar Player of the Year nominations (2024, 2025), along with participation in multiple IBMA Gospel Recording and Performance of the Year-winning projects.

In Honor and Memory of Don Sproles

Don Sproles was one of VMC's earliest and most enthusiastic supporters. He and his wife, Karen, owned the LunchBox Restaurants. Don, his family, and employees often served meals at VMC, and he was known to offer employment opportunities to VMC neighbors. In 2012, he served as VMC Board Chair where he continued to express his generosity of spirit for our community and the unhoused who live in Knoxville.



Auction Items

You are among a select few we are asking to join us as auction partners. **Will you donate an item to the Wine and Shine silent or live auction?** When you donate an auction item, you support a meaningful cause while showcasing your brand to a captivated audience of more than 200 guests - potential future customers who value community impact!

Unique Experiences

- Behind-the-scenes pass at a local attraction, like a zoo or museum
- On-air gig with a radio or TV personality
- Meet and greet with a celebrity, athlete, or musician
- Theme park passes with early or late access
- Ghost tour package
- Catered tailgate, including set-up/tear down (add sports tickets and the value goes up!)
- Private sunset boat cruise with dinner & cocktails/Uber/Limo
- Brewmaster for a day / Brewery tour & tasting
- Lunch/Dinner with Mayor/Governor/Senator
- Winery Tour/Winemaking/Tasting

Trips and Staycations

- Beach rentals/Cabin getaway/Timeshare stays
- Historic B&B Stay/Ghost tour package
- Luxury hotel/Resort stay
- Local hotel, dinner, & a show
- Local hotel, dinner, & bar crawl/Uber
- Metro city hotel stay with shopping spree

For Foodies

- Dinner and a movie or a show
- Family dinner out or family dinner to-go
- Catering package (for personal or business use)
- Restaurant gift cards
- Grill master basket
- Year of DoorDash or other delivery
- Personal chef experience (home or private)
- Gift Card to Bed Bath & Beyond or similar for new china/kitchen gadgets

Sports

- Vol memorabilia/Sports or Games basket
- Sporting tickets for 2 or 4 (bonus for VIP)
- Golf package on an award-winning course

Libations

- Boxed or limited edition Scotch, Whiskey, or Bourbon
- High end wine/Bar accessories or glasses
- Wine duos/trios
- Wine and chocolates basket
- Cigar basket
- Brewery tour tasting
- Winery tour or tasting, winemaking
- Mixology/Barkeepers basket (mixers/glasses/etc.)
- Beer baskets (Craft/Limited Edition)

Services

- High-dollar home or auto service packages
- Pet grooming or New pet welcome home basket
- Spa experience
- Monthly flower delivery
- 1-2 Days or 20 hours of outdoor labor (landscaping/demolition)
- Gardening basket OR Planters
- Yoga or Workout classes

Exciting Items

- Beauty basket with luxury bath items
- Gardening basket
- Lake party basket: towels, sand toys, cooler, gift cards
- Outdoors camping basket
- High-end luggage, purses, sunglasses, or watches
- Electronics that can be used by anyone (tablets, Fitbit, AirPods, TV)
- Jewelry (unique, handcrafted, or local)
- Movie night basket
- Unique art by known or currently desirable artists
- Highly coveted autographed memorabilia (sports, movies, or music)
- Netflix subscription for one year
- Classic/Collector's Item

Register Your Auction Item

AUCTION ITEM DONATION FORM

Step One: Call or email if you have any questions before filling out this form

Thank you for donating an item(s) to VMC's Wine and Shine! Please include this form with your item or gift certificate donation. You can email this form to developmentdept@vmcinc.org or call 865-524-3926 ext. 230 to request pickup of your item. Or you can mail your item to: Volunteer Ministry Center, 511 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37927

Step Two: Select your desired auction item collection method

- My auction item is included.
- VMC Wine & Shine Committee members may pick up my auction item at the address listed above during the following business hours: _____
- I will deliver my item to VMC (511 N. Broadway, Mon to Thurs. 8-5 and Fri 8-3)

[Visit our event website!](#)



Step Three: Describe your auction item

What is included? What is not included? Will the bidder need to pay for extras?

What is the estimated value of your donation?

Individual/Company Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Item Name _____

Value \$ _____ Expiration Date (if applicable) _____

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