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Dear Friend of Michigan Preservation:

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) invites you to contribute an item to our silent and live auctions held at our 29th Annual Fall Benefit. MHPN is *the* membership organization in Michigan dedicated to recognizing and preserving the state's architectural and cultural heritage. Your item, when auctioned, provides financial support for our efforts.

THE EVENT - This year we're at The Mercado & Plaza in Mexicantown on Sunday evening, October 15. Not everyone knows that Mexicantown boasts noteworthy urban planning and contemporary buildings designed by Thomas Hoepf, Principal Design Architect with the nationally-recognized firm of Teng & Associates when it was Chicago-based. An optional bus tour beforehand introduces guests to this down-to-earth, Southwest Detroit neighborhood filled with informal restaurants serving traditional Mexican food, bakeries selling churros and tres leches, grocery stores and shops, and tree-lined blocks of homes.

CAN YOU HELP US? – We're looking for unique donations. Popular items include entertainment packages, historic tours, overnight stays at historic hotels and B&B's, books, hand-crafted items and works of art both high-brow and low-brow, and gift certificates of all types. The best items are often those that are hard to come by.

RECOGNIZING YOUR DONATION - As an auction item donor, you will receive recognition in the evening's program, on the item's bid description, and in the MHPN's annual report. Your donation may be tax deductible because the MHPN is a 501(c)3 organization.

We have enclosed a donation form to use if you decide to make a donation! **The deadline for receipt of donated items is Friday, October 6, 2023.** If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Many thanks!

2023 Fall Benefit Auction Team

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