



## Supporting Solid Waste Science through the EREF Auction

**Raleigh, NC (April 8, 2021)** – The Environmental Research & Education Foundation’s (EREF) [Annual Charitable Auction](#) is back in 2021 to raise support for the Foundation’s mission to drive sustainable solid waste management practices forward.

This event, which moved virtual in 2020 due to COVID-19, is the Foundation’s largest fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, bidders and volunteers, the 2020 Auction saw its 2<sup>nd</sup> highest net in its more than 25-year history – a milestone serving as a catalyst for EREF to fund more research, students and education opportunities!

Due to COVID-19, the Auction will once again look different than it has in the past with the event being held virtually through EREF’s online bidding platform, GiveSmart. Bidders will have the opportunity to peruse items and register to bid online leading up to the start of the Auction.

EREF’s Auction consists of two parts: a Live Auction and a Silent Auction. The Live Auction features larger items including trucks, large equipment and outings with industry executives, while the Silent Auction features smaller items including experiences, electronics, sports memorabilia and more.

### Auction Bidding and Schedule

While the Live Auction will be virtual this year, EREF will have a presence on the [WasteExpo 2021](#) show floor where we’ll highlight the progress of the Auction. The Silent Auction will remain online as it has in years past.

Bidding for both the Live and Silent Auctions will begin on June 16, less than two weeks before WasteExpo, culminating with the end of the show on June 30. All bidding will take place on GiveSmart. More information on registration, bidding and items will be released as it’s available.

### How can you participate?

- Donate! Donors receive visibility via GiveSmart, e-mail promotions and social media.
- Sponsor. While the event will take place virtually, EREF will have a WasteExpo presence; therefore, sponsorships can be virtual or in-person to provide visibility to your company.
- Bid. Why not go home with one (two, or three) amazing items from the EREF Auction? More bidding information to come.
- Spread the word. Take to social media to share the Auction or spread the word about your donation through our donor marketing kit.

Proceeds from the EREF Auction help to drive sustainable solid waste management forward. EREF accomplishes its mission through its core programs: Research Grants, Scholarships, Data & Policy and Education. Additional information on these programs and more are available at [erefdn.org](http://erefdn.org).

For just a snippet of the research and education opportunities that the Foundation is up to in 2021, [click here](#).

Make sure to stop by EREF’s booth at WasteExpo to learn more about the Foundation and its Auction!

Donations are still accepted and sponsorships are available! Questions about how you can participate? Contact EREF’s Events Manager, Caitlin Conklin, via e-mail at [cconklin@erefdn.org](mailto:cconklin@erefdn.org).

*EREF is a 501(c)3 class charity that funds and directs scientific research and educational initiatives for waste management practices to benefit industry participants and the communities they serve. For more complete information on EREF funded research, its scholarship program and how to donate to this great cause, visit [erefdn.org](http://erefdn.org).*

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