

RISE HATTIESBURG

HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL



The inaugural **RISE Hattiesburg Hot Air Balloon Festival** will take place the weekend of August 12-13, 2022. The mission of this event is to gather as a community and be inspired to RISE together.

This free festival takes place on Friday afternoon and throughout the day Saturday, including food vendors, a variety of other vendors, informational booths, nonprofit organizations, activities for children, live music, balloon-themed activities, a "RISE" themed art auction, and more!

Weather and wind permitting, we plan to have hot air balloon festivities throughout the weekend, including balloons flying over town, meet and greets with the pilots, balloon glows and tethered rides.

This event will help support RISE and its mission to educate, encourage, and empower women and men to RISE to self-sufficiency. RISE, formally known as Pinebelt Christian Women's Job Corp, began in 2001 and became a 501c3 in 2011. Our purpose is to break the cycle of poverty through education, relational empowerment, and career and job skills training. We believe that if we teach career skills and how to become financially stable, we will not only help one person but also their children and family members. RISE is a "hand up" not a "hand out" program. We invest one full year into each participant, which includes free classes they are required to attend to graduate and a mentorship program. At RISE our number one goal is their success. In order to achieve these goals, we partner with fellow nonprofit agencies and rely on our generous and dedicated volunteers.

We feel that as a community we can come together, share resources, information, and skills, and help everyone RISE to success. Through working together our community can become stronger. We are excited to create this free event that everyone can enjoy! We have invited other nonprofits, all of our friends, and yes, we are inviting YOU.

Please consider supporting this event and let's help everyone in our community RISE together.

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Art Auction Information



We are excited to invite all of our artist friends to join us for a unique and fun part of the RISE Hattiesburg Hot Air Balloon Festival...the first ever RISE Hattiesburg Hot Air Balloon Festival Art Auction!

We are inviting artists to join us as partners for this event to create a unique piece of art using any art medium. The theme for the art is "RISE".

As a thank you to our participating artists we will share 50% of the proceeds from the winning bid on their piece. The auction will be online and open for online bidding for 6 weeks ending Saturday evening during the Festival. The art pieces will also be displayed on social media and in-person indoors at the Festival.

Details

- The art piece should reflect the theme "RISE". It can be "hot air balloon" themed or more generally related to the theme.
- The art piece must be appropriate for viewing for all ages.
- The art piece must be custom and one-of-a-kind.
- The art piece can be any size. We will encourage not only individuals to bid, but also companies, communities, etc.
- Name, description, and photos of the art piece need to be submitted by June 17, 2022, in order for us to include it in our online bidding system.
- Online bidding will begin on July 1, 2022, which is 6 weeks before the festival.
- The auction, artists, and art pieces will be promoted on the event website, social media, in press releases, etc.
- We encourage our artists to help us promote the art auction and festival as well.
- The art piece must be delivered to RISE, 411 N. 38th Ave., by Thursday, August 11, 2022.
- The art auction will be displayed indoors at the Festival on Saturday, August 13, 2022, and final bidding will take place online at the close of the Festival that evening.
- Artists and RISE will split the proceeds (50% each) from the amount received from the winning bid (minus any transaction and credit card fees).
- RISE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and your donation may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes. Check with your tax professional.

Register Register for the Art Auction by visiting risenonprofit.org/balloon-festival

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