



Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix AZ 85003

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### Live Auction Maximizes Donations More than 100 pieces to be sold at auction for SVdP

More than 100 antiques donated to St. Vincent de Paul will be for sale Sunday, Sept. 17 during a live auction.

SVdP is working with Scottsdale's newest auction house, Auction Express, to sell antiques and collectables donated to our thrift stores. On occasion, SVdP receives items that are worth considerably more than the bargain prices for which they are typically sold in the stores.

"We are taking things donors give us and turning straw into gold," said Steve Zabalski, executive director of SVdP. "By maximizing the value of our donations we can fund more programs benefiting the homeless and working poor of Phoenix."

Staff members with SVdP and Auction Express routinely inspect new arrivals in the main warehouse at 420 W. Watkins Road for items that are unique and valuable. Some items that have lost their luster are cleaned and restored. For more than a year, SVdP antiques and collectables have been sold on eBay by Auction Express, but Sunday will be the first live monthly auction of SVdP pieces.

Items include antique furniture, estate jewelry, artwork, bronze sculptures and collectables. All pieces can be viewed during three preview sessions leading up to Sept. 17.

Those people who cannot make to the auction may contact Auction Express at 480-483-3081 or [www.auction-express.com](http://www.auction-express.com) for bidding options.

**WHAT:** Public Antique Auction  
**WHEN:** Sunday, Sept. 17th, 11 a.m.  
Previews: Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Auction Express at 7863 E. McClain Drive, Scottsdale. The auction house is just west of Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard and the Greenway-Hayden Loop.  
**WHO:** Scottsdale's Auction Express will sell antiques donated to St. Vincent de Paul

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*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve. Programs include services for the homeless, the incarcerated and their families, medical/dental care for the working poor, charity dining rooms and general assistance for individual's in need.*