

Selective Seconds

High-quality, new and gently used furniture & home décor accessories that range from contemporary to classic



- ◆ Distinctive pieces from upscale furniture manufacturers
- ◆ Creative home décor displays that can be easily duplicated
- ◆ Unique Gifts: One-of-a-Kind Finds, Collectibles, Old World Treasures, New Items in Original Packaging

FURNITURE OUTREACH SUPPORTING TWO SEPARATE GOALS

Furnishes Those in Need with a Second Chance

Through donations, we acquire and deliver quality furniture and household items to those who, despite their best efforts, cannot afford to furnish the new living space for which they worked so hard to obtain. The living space of each client is evaluated to determine their exact needs so that what is delivered by St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) volunteers fits, to the best extent possible, the style and layout of that space ~ all at no charge. From making the beds to putting dishes away, the SVdP volunteers provide customized support to transform what was once a living space into a home. This initiative has empowered hard-working but disenfranchised people to re-establish an improved life and enable them to once again become self-sufficient.

Economic Benefits

Selective Seconds stocks high-quality, new and gently used furniture, home décor, and well heeled antiques that are sold on the average for less than half of their retail value based on extensive price research for each item donated. The shoppe's operation has created a number of economic benefits, which include:

- To allow the general public to purchase these high-quality items at unbeatable prices and thus have more money to spend in the local economy;
- To allow anyone to donate their cherished personal items knowing that the proceeds from the sale of those items will go to someone in need and that the value of their donation serves as a tax credit for their own benefit;
- To maintain the Selective Seconds' shoppe as a year-round operation so that it may serve as a permanent source of financial assistance to the ever-increasing volume of clients who need same. All money stays local with disbursements helping those along the Monmouth and Ocean County coastlines ~ it's not just those in need from the Belmar area that are helped.

BY THE NUMBERS

Since January, 2011, Donated Furniture and Household Items Given Away for Free:

- ⇒ 162 families representing 414 men, women, and children
- ⇒ Estimated worth over \$205,000
- ⇒ If these families paid retail prices for these items, it would easily amount to over \$500,000

Since July, 2011, Store Sales:

- ⇒ Have exceeded \$400,000
- ⇒ Have financially helped 7,214 men, women, and children in the areas of rent/housing, heating oil, electric, gas heat, tuition reimbursement, physician office visits, etc.

Volunteer Information for 2015:

- ⇒ From assessing donated items, to picking up donations, to delivering items purchased or given away, to sprucing up donations and keeping the shoppe clean, to working the sales floor, there are many opportunities for our volunteers to get involved
- ⇒ 70 different volunteers providing 7,215 hours of service

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR CUSTOMERS

"You guys are doing a great job."

Bob Graney

"Great store, keep up the good works!!"

Kathleen Pallitta Burt

". . . I give them 5 stars! The selection is great, the volunteer staff is wonderful. I made a purchase that needed delivery; they were prompt, kind, and efficient."

Karan Taikina Taylor

. . . AND FROM THOSE WE HELP

"Thank you is not enough. To all the saints at St. Vincent de Paul."

William

"We cannot thank you again for making our house into a home! We love our furniture and cannot thank you enough for all your help!"

Cathleen and Thomas

"Many thanks for your assistance. We really appreciate it."

Ann and Maureen

"Thanks for picking up all our outgrown baby equipment. I hope it can be useful to some other family. Thanks for your good works. Enclosed is our contribution to St. Vincent de Paul. Best regards."

Sedra

"Absolutely the BEST! They just picked up a truckload of furniture from my house for St. Vincent de Paul. All profits go directly to those in need. The staff of Selective Seconds is exceptionally professional and they are doing God's work."

Pat Freehan Cademartori