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Meals on Wheels Seeks Antiques -

Upcoming Antiques Auction to Benefit

Meal Delivery Program in Charlottesville/Albemarle

(Charlottesville, VA) Meals on Wheels of Charlottesville/Albemarle is soliciting donations for its upcoming antiques auction. The auction will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 10:00am, at the Elks Lodge, located at 389 Elk Drive, just off Route 20, near Pantops. Anyone interested in donating antiques should call 434/245-7045, to receive information about pick-up or drop-off of their donation. Items should be at least 50 years old, and donations are tax deductible.

All proceeds from the auction will go directly to Meals on Wheels meal delivery program, operating throughout Charlottesville/Albemarle, 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year. "We hope people will look around their homes for furniture, art, jewelry – any oldies that they are not using. We can put them to excellent use – feeding our neighbors in need," says Mandy Hoy, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels.

Lending important support to this new event, Harlowe-Powell Auction Ltd., of Charlottesville, will provide an auctioneer. Successful bidders will need to take their items with them on the day of the event, since storage will not be available.

The auction comes at a time of critical need for Meals on Wheels. The organization is currently experiencing a steep drop in donations from corporate and other funding sources, while, at the same time, demand is rising. Meals on Wheels saw an 8% increase in demand for meals last year alone. "We hope auction bidders will remember that they will not only get an antique treasure but in the process they will be providing people with a basic need – food," adds Hoy.

Further information on items to be featured in the auction will be available shortly, at www.cvillemeals .org.

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