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## Auctioneer Looks To Give Back

Lot 14 Auctions, a new community auction room in Niles, dedicated to supporting local nonprofit organizations by generating over \$100,000 in annual donations, announced that it will conduct its first live auction on Thursday, April 20, starting at 4 p.m. The auction will be free and open to the public and will generate money for local schools, including a \$1,000 reward for whichever school group drops off the most auction items.

Lot 14's owner and principal auctioneer, Ian Kasper, explains how he will meet his ambitious fundraising goal. "We're taking the best parts of Craigslist and eBay, while keeping the value in our community. I wanted to create an auction experience where local buyers, sellers, and charities all collaborate and benefit in a substantial way. We use the tagline, (Continued on page 13A)

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"Good deals, great causes" because buyers and sellers both benefit from the efficiency of a public auction, while qualified 501(c) organizations earn donations by providing volunteers to help set up and staff the auctions. Lot 14's sellers can consign items and receive payment within days, or donate the proceeds of their sales if they choose.

Kasper, a third generation auctioneer, thought a lot about where to launch his business. "I chose Niles because of how great the village has been to work with and how supportive they've been," said Kasper. "The families who live around here care about their neighbors and support a lot of worthy nonprofits." About 500,000 people live in the villages and Chicago neighborhoods within five miles of Lot 14, which is located at 7900 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Oak Mill Mall (at Oakton Street and Milwaukee Avenue).

Kasper is excited to focus on supporting schools for Lot 14's first auction. "There are



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two ways for individuals to raise money for their schools. We will make a cash donation for every volunteer who helps set up and staff the auction. And the organization whose supporters drop off the most saleable items will receive a \$1,000 donation."

To consign or donate items (and nominate schools to receive donations), call Lot 14 Auctions at 847-625-0555. The website [www.Lot14.org](http://www.Lot14.org) has more details and a calendar of auctions. Drop-off times for the April 20 auction are April 12, 13, 14 and 18 from noon to 6 p.m. Preview April 19, 1 to 5 p.m. and April 20, 1 to 4 p.m.