

# Next-to-New sale number 52 will be last



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Next-to-New is next-to-over.

The Junior League of Topeka will conduct its 52nd and final Next-to-New Sale on Friday and Saturday at the Kansas ExpoCentre's Agricultural Hall.

Proceeds will primarily benefit the Junior League's "Happy, Healthy Me!" program, an initiative to reduce childhood obesity.

"We want this to be more of a celebration of the 52 years," said Pam Alexander, a Junior League member since 1976. "This has been a wonderful community service for 52 years."

This is the final Next-to-New event because the Junior League is moving away from large fundraisers toward smaller events to better cater to their members' schedules.

The traditional Twice-the-Price Night, during which customers pay a \$5 donation to enter and then pay double the marked prices on all items upon checkout, runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday.

"It's kind of a preview of what we have for sale, and (customers) get the first pick of course," said Next-to-New chairwoman Sandra Meyers. "So that's the big draw."

The Next-to-New Sale has traditionally been the biggest fundraiser for the Junior League, which has raised almost \$2 million over the years in support of community ventures like CASA, the Kansas Museum of History and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Next-to-New amounts to an enormous, organized, high-quality garage sale. A lawn mower goes for no more than \$30. A three-piece suit runs \$6.60. DVDs are priced at \$2 to \$7.

"We sell everything from glasses to furniture," Alexander said.

The sale also will include drawings for a 32-inch, LCD, HD television, a new sofa and four hours of Merry Maid cleaning.

The Junior League is accepting donations of items until Thursday.

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