

Frequently Asked Questions

What difference does donating my vehicle make?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Inc. uses income generated by donated vehicles to provide assistance to those in need. Suitable vehicles may also be given to qualifying clients who do not have reliable transportation.

You benefit as well. The gross proceeds of your donated vehicle may be used for a tax deduction as allowed by IRS regulations. You also save time and eliminate the liability and stress of selling the vehicle yourself.

How long will it take to get my vehicle picked-up?

It will take approximately 4-7 days from the time we receive both the vehicle information form and signed title for your vehicle to be picked up. The key factor in having your vehicle picked up quickly is sending your signed title and completed Bill Of Sale as soon as you receive or download your donation packet.

You can also speed up the donation process by delivering your running car to our council office located at 2050 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta GA 30341 during our business hours. Please call in advance of delivering your car.

Does my vehicle need to run in order to be donated?

SVdP accepts vehicles in any condition.

Will I be charged for pickup?

No. SVdP will pick up your vehicle free of charge.

How much does the St. Vincent de Paul Society receive from each car donation?

When a car is sold at auction, SVdP receives 100% of the net revenue (after nominal towing, prep, and auction fees).

When a car is sold to a parts dealer, SVdP receives 100% of the revenue.

When a donated dependable car is given to a qualifying client, SVdP realizes no financial return, but know that the vehicle will make a huge difference in allowing another family to regain and maintain stability in their life.

How much of the revenue SVdP receives from my car will go to help those in need?

100% of the proceeds SVdP receives from your vehicle go to support programs that serve those in need.

How much does SVdP's Car Donation Program raise for those in need each year?

SVDP raises over \$150,000 each year through this program. This is enough to prevent almost 300 families from losing their homes.

How does the new IRS law affect my vehicle?

The American Jobs Creation Act, 2004 law which became effective January 1, 2005 applies to all 501© (3) organizations that:

- Accept vehicles, boats, and airplanes as donations; and
- Sell the donated items to raise funds for their charitable mission.

This law also applies to donors who:

- Donate vehicles, boats, or airplanes to a 501© (3) that meets the above criteria.
- Donate such items after December 31, 2004
- Itemize their federal income taxes.

This law also requires that:

- Charities must disclose to their donor and IRS the gross proceeds raised on the sale of the donated vehicle when the vehicle sells for \$500.00 or more.
- Donors use the gross selling price reported by the charity as the vehicle's value for tax purposes if the vehicle sells for \$500.00 or more.

SVDP advises donors to consult with their tax advisors before completing the donation process.

For more information about how this law affects your donation please visit the IRS website at:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/pub4303.pdf>