

*43rd Annual Darien Antiques Show
First Congregational Church of Darien
Preview Party Silent Auction-March 5, 2010*

Dear Members & Friends,

On Friday, March 5th the **First Congregational Church of Darien** will kick off the **43rd Annual Darien Antiques Show**. In addition to being a popular event for the community, the Antique Show is our church's primary fund raising event. Proceeds from the weekend help to support the church as well as local charities chosen by our own Board of Outreach.

The Darien Antiques Show Weekend kicks off with the ever popular and much anticipated gala **Preview Party on Friday night, March 5^h**. The proceeds from the evening this year will benefit "A Better Chance" ("ABC") in Darien, a not-for-profit organization which provides academic and boarding scholarships for talented, young minority women seeking opportunities to further excel their education and broaden their horizons and the First Congregational Church Nursery School.

The Preview Party is a delightful evening of fun and good food with church members and friends, prominent community leaders and antique collectors gathering not only for a good cause but for an exclusive first peak at the superb collections of antiques. To support its fund raising efforts, our church also hosts a **Silent Auction** at the Preview Party whereby partygoers have the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind items, themed baskets, services and fantastic outings and trips.

We would welcome a donation from you to include as a silent auction item (-or as part of a silent auction item) to help make this year's event our most successful yet! With a donation to the auction, you will be given credit for your generous support in the auction program and item description. As well the value of your donation is tax-deductible and we can provide you with the appropriate tax form.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We sincerely hope that you will consider supporting the Church, ABC in Darien and First Congregational Nursery School by participating in this wonderful event!

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