Kids First, the local non-profit organization which aids needy children and their families year-round, will conduct its annual auction on Saturday, November 22.

Once again, the Kids First Auction will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall on U.S. Highway 31 North. The auction begins at 9 a.m. that morning and goes until everything is gone.

Volunteers are already getting items ready for the event, and everyone is encouraged to donate goods, services or gift cards. Longtime Kids First volunteers Sherry and Ross St. Clair can be contacted at 752-5458 by those with items to contribute.

Toys are always a popular item with bidders as are tools, bikes, theme baskets, quilts, vacation trips, sports memorabilia, Christmas crafts and decorations and ‘most anything else that can be auctioned. Funds raised by the auction are used to help youngsters and their families year-round with special needs, such as medicines, gas money for doctor visits, hearing aids and the like. Kids First money also helps support the efforts of the Scott County Community Clearinghouse.

Items donated should be new or in excellent condition. Arrangements can be made for volunteers to come to the donor’s home to pick up contributions.

Kids First always has a wrap-up auction a few days after the main event, which provides an opportunity to buy items that were not claimed by winning bidders. Those wishing to bid in the November 22 auction can visit the Knights of Columbus Hall that Saturday to place their offers and will also be able to phone in bids as well as watch what’s happening and what’s being offered on the Insight Cable TV Community Channel. At the wrap-up event, bidders must be present.

For more information about Kids First, contact the St. Clairs.