



ESTATE SALE FOR FREEDOM

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I am NOT a garage saler. I know the saying that one person's junk is another person's treasure. I love good deals, but raising kids overseas I didn't have the option of shopping used clothes. Overseas a tailor sat on my back porch all day & ate lunch from our kitchen sewing whatever needed whether clothes or pumpkins for thanksgiving from an old table cloth, or stuffed hearts from an old robe for Valentines.

BUT...while living on the East Coast I learned that *estate sales* are different! After living as a family for 13 years overseas & moving every 2 years, I remember returning home to unpack the 1st time most of my wedding presents. I suddenly had to decorate and set up a home with no budget. Overseas decorating was cheap. I just painted murals, quotes and verses on our walls rather than "buy" things. I learned at these "estate sale barns" to decorate my daughter's pink ballerina bedroom flamboyantly & abundantly for \$26, my son's Chicago Bulls room by shopping a fabric warehouse's \$1/yard table the length of the building! Those table clothes that WAR uses at every jewelry event came from there and the trim from Istanbul's Grand Bazaar for 5 cents a yard. THAT floats my boat.

Last year, my mom and dad left me for heaven within 6 weeks of each other. After family took what they wanted, I stared down a mound collected over 27 years of living abroad. Much was valuable but only to those knowing antiques bought cheaply overseas. I imagined a garage sale at my home, but I needed to work at WAR. WAR on the other hand, needed foot traffic! I decided to man the sale AT WAR, and donate proceeds. The sale wasn't a huge success, BUT foot traffic to WAR was! Out of dozens drawn to a sale, only 2 had heard of WAR. One man spent \$500 on products made by precious women! SO...

I am willing to try anything ONCE that's not illegal, immoral or unethical! WAR is planning a summer ESTATE SALE FOR FREEDOM! We ask any of you that want to do the following:

- Donate HIGH END goods. This means we do NOT want Tupperware, broken anything, old clothes or any clothes. You know what I mean. If you are like me and you have wedding crystal (why on earth did we register for that stuff back in the day?), China sets, tea cups, décor, grand father clocks, or other NICE things that your kids are not interested in at all since it is not Pottery Barn. We will give you a tax-deductible receipt and the proceeds will go to rescue.
- If you have estate jewelry (not costume jewelry) we will give a receipt.
- Toys in good condition or brand new are welcome.
- Help US price things. If you are a garage saler and know what it should be priced at, please put a sticker on them or a note to us. If you don't know, we will do it. If you are local and willing to help us price, we would LOVE your help. If it hadn't been for 2 ladies from a local church, I'd never have managed my parents' stuff. We would LOVE your help. If you help, we will give you 15% off items in the WAR store as a thank you!
- Anything left over, we box and give to 2nd hand stores that support causes we embrace.
- COME SHOP both outside AND INSIDE! Tell your friends, solicit their donations!

**GET RID OF WHAT'S SITTING IN A CABINET OR JEWELRY
BOX...KNOWING IT GOES TO RESCUE!**