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GOODWILL OPENS NEW ATTENDED DONATION CENTER AT THE CHAPEL GREEN CAMPUS

MOST NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDING CLOTHING, ELECTRONICS AND DOMESTICS

GREEN, Ohio—December 2, 2009— Goodwill Industries is making it easier for Summit County residents to help community members in need of employment assistance by opening a new attended donation center in the parking lot of The Chapel's Green Campus, located at 1800 Raber Road in Green. The center's current operation hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All donors receive a 20% off coupon good at any Goodwill store in Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland, or Richland County. Information about the tax benefits from donating to Goodwill and guidelines for donations are available at www.goodwillakron.org.

In order to make the most of all donations, Goodwill requests that donors:

- Be sure all items can be used for resale
- Only leave items when an attendant is on duty
- Wash or clean clothing
- Test electrical and mechanical equipment
- Box or bag items in easy-to-lift amounts
- Verify all donated items meet Consumer Product Safety Commission standards and have not been recalled or banned
- Complete a donation receipt

Items that Goodwill is in most need of include:

- Clothing, shoes and accessories (e.g., handbags, belts, scarves)
- Small furniture and small electronics (e.g., radios, clocks, lamps)
- Domestic items (e.g., sheets, towels) and household items (e.g., dishes, housewares)
- Antiques, collectibles, jewelry
- Books, CDs, records, tapes, DVDs
- Computers, printers and monitors (available to consumers and businesses through the Dell Reconnect program, any brand, any condition)
- Cars, trucks, boats, RVs and motorcycles accepted at the Goodwill Auto Outlet at 2381 Manchester Road in Akron.

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It's hard to say "no thank you" to a donation, but there are some items Goodwill cannot accept for safety reasons, including:

- Large household appliances
- Large electronic items that do not work (e.g., TVs)
- Building materials
- Mattresses and box springs with stains or tears
- Upholstered couches and chairs that are torn, soiled or otherwise damaged
- Magazines and newspapers
- Automobile parts
- Paint or chemicals of any kind
- Weapons like firearms, ammunition, knives, etc.
- Fireworks, sparklers, etc.
- Gas-powered equipment (lawn mowers, etc.)
- Food
- Baby car seats
- Children's items containing lead or phthalates
- Consumer Products Safety Commission recalled items

Goodwill operates four attended donation centers and five Retail Stores that accept donations in Summit County. Net proceeds from the sale of items donated to the stores are used in assisting the agency in fulfilling its mission of helping individuals prepare for, find, and retain employment. Sites include:

<p><u>Summit County</u> Akron – 570 E. Waterloo Road <i>**Coventry Twp. – 3235 Manchester Road</i> Cuyahoga Falls – 1725 State Road <i>**Ellet – 2420 Wedgewood Drive</i> <i>**Fairlawn – 565 S. Cleve-Mass. Road</i> <i>**Hudson – 5381 Darrow Road</i> Lakemore – 1500 Canton Road Northfield – 10211 Northfield Road Tallmadge – 15 Midway Plaza <i>**Indicates attended donation center</i></p>	<p><u>Portage County</u> Kent/Ravenna – 2528 State Route 59 Streetsboro – 9278 Market Square Drive <u>Medina County</u> Brunswick – 1733 Pearl Road Medina – 3500 Medina Road <u>Ashland County</u> Ashland – 1611 Claremont Avenue <u>Richland County</u> Mansfield – 2154 W. Fourth Street <i>**Mansfield – 1280 Lexington Avenue</i></p>
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Quotes:

- "Goodwill is happy to partner with The Chapel and Green area residents," said Phil Stauffer, Vice President of Retail Operations. "This new donation center will allow more people in southern Summit County to easily donate items to Goodwill. Donations are sold in our retail stores to support Goodwill's mission of helping individuals prepare for, find and retain employment."
- "This is a great opportunity for all of us in the surrounding Green community to support the services of Goodwill," said Colleen Koladzinski, Director of Mercy/Benevolence at The Chapel. "It is our hope that folks will joyfully give the best of what they have. It is a team effort to combat the high unemployment rate in our state and get people back to work. Joined together, we can make a difference."

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About Goodwill Industries

Goodwill Industries of Akron is a not-for-profit corporation that helps individuals prepare for, find, and retain employment. Operating in the five-county region of Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland, and Richland, the Akron-based agency was established in 1927. It is a private, independent organization, operating as an affiliate member of Goodwill Industries International, and a United Way agency in Summit and Medina Counties. Goodwill helps to directly strengthen the region's workforce through its employment programs and indirectly through the net proceeds from its retail outlets and contract services division. For more information about Goodwill, visit www.goodwillakron.org or call 800-989-8428. ###