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10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR SERVICE CENTER & STORE PLANNED FOR JUNE 12

GOODWILL CELEBRATING WITH DONATION DRIVE, FASHION SHOW AND SPECIAL SALE

AKRON, Ohio—May 25, 2010—It's been nearly 10 years since the Goodwill Service Center and Retail Store in Akron opened at the former Acme grocery store site at 570 E. Waterloo Road. Goodwill is celebrating in a big way! On Saturday, June 12, 2010 – exactly 10 years to the date of the facility's opening – Goodwill donors and shoppers will have the chance to participate in a special donation drive, see a runway fashion show, and take advantage of a storewide sale at the Akron Retail Store only.

From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., donors who bring a bag or box of gently used clothing or household items will receive a Free Root Beer Float. At 1:00 p.m., Goodwill will present a runway fashion show event titled "The GW Collection" featuring fashions for everyone from the racks at Goodwill. During the store's regular hours – 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. – shoppers who spend \$10.00 or more will receive 10% off their entire purchase. Radio personalities from 94.9 WQMX, 97.5 WONE and 1590 WAKR will greet guests, plus free food and giveaways will also be available to donors and shoppers throughout the morning and afternoon. These promotions are valid only at the Goodwill Store on Waterloo Road on June 12.

The Goodwill Akron Service Center and Retail Store on Waterloo Road officially opened its doors to shoppers and donors on June 12, 2000. The 111,500 square-foot facility sits on 8.65 acres and houses the agency's corporate offices, some mission services, Contract Services Division, and warehousing operations, as well as Goodwill's flagship Retail Store. The 20,000 square-foot Akron Store is receiving improvements to fixtures and amenities for shoppers and donors, which will be unveiled at the 10th Anniversary Celebration on June 12, 2010.

In the 10 years that the Goodwill Service Center has been located on Waterloo Road, the agency has served more than 55,000 individuals and has placed more than 7,000 people into competitive employment. For many years, the Akron Service Center has also served as a training ground for Vocational Services program participants to practice their work skills within the agency's office, assembly and sewing business lines, and the Retail Store.

"Ten years ago, Goodwill served about 3,400 individuals in our community. Today, the agency is serving more than 8,600 individuals each year. Goodwill's mission of helping individuals prepare for, find, and retain employment is more relevant than ever," said Nancy Ellis McClenaghan, President & CEO.

Goodwill Industries operates 11 store locations, six Attended Donation Centers and an Auto Outlet in Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland and Richland Counties. 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 South Cleve-Mass. Road</i> <i>*Green – 1800 Raber Road</i> <i>*Hudson – 5381 Darrow Road</i> Lakemore – 1500 Canton Road Northfield – 10211 Northfield Road Tallmadge – 15 Midway Plaza <i>**Auto Outlet – 2381 Manchester Road in Akron</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/Ontario – 2154 W. Fourth Street <i>*Mansfield – 1280 Lexington Avenue</i> <i>*Indicates donation center only</i></p>
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Event Details

Waterloo 10th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at the Goodwill Service Center and Retail Store, 570 East Waterloo Road, Akron, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free Root Beer Float with a bag of donations 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. “The GW Collection” Runway Fashion Show begins at 1:00 p.m. No RSVP is necessary and there is no cost to attend. Ten Percent Off Special Sale (with a purchase of \$10 or more) valid at Akron Store only 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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. ###