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ComputersAgain Rebooted

CANTON, Ohio – ComputersAgain, formerly an independent 501©3 has been *rebooted* as a program of Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc.

The organization, which has been refurbishing and selling affordable computers to *help northeast Ohio families acquire the education and tools needed to gain marketable skills in computer technology* since 2005, recently became a program of Goodwill.

“When we started ComputersAgain, we had two employees, myself and co-founder Ken Slezak,” said Ed Rowland, co-founder. “At some point, our careers both landed us back in the corporate world, but our belief in the mission and vision of our organization still stood strong.”

The co-founders then looked to Goodwill as an option to keeping alive their vision of making affordable computers available to non-profits and low-income individuals/families.

“It is a natural fit with our mission of *working to improve the quality of life and employment opportunities for people*,” said Ken Weber, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. “Our goal is to provide individuals with the tools they need to thrive in society and the workplace, which is hard to

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accomplish today without technology.”

Goodwill Industries plans to continue offering most of the same services that ComputersAgain has traditionally offered, but as part of the “rebooting” process, is exploring new and exciting ways to reach the community with this program.

“We are working on several partnerships with local entities that could really get more computers in the hands of those who need them,” said Weber, “but it will take some time to work out all the details.”

In the meantime, Goodwill Industries will continue to refurbish and sell computers to individuals/families and non-profits, offering Information Technology Services and education as well.

Goodwill is still accepting donations for the program at The Community Campus at Goodwill (408 Ninth St. SW in Canton). The same criteria that the former ComputersAgain used, is still in place when making donations to Goodwill’s Program:

- 300MHZ Pentium II or higher
- With 64MB Ram, 128MB Ram preferred
- With at least a 4GB hard drive
- With at least an 8x CD-ROM drive or faster
- 17” or larger monitor capable of displaying 16-bit color at 800x600 resolutions.

For individuals who are interested in obtaining a computer, the cost is \$75 plus applicable sales tax; however, an individual/family must meet a certain income level to qualify. Additionally, the individual is required to take a 3 hour training class as part of the process and is not charged for the computer until after the class.

For more information on receiving or donating a computer, please visit the Web site at [www. Computersagain.org](http://www.Computersagain.org) or leave a message at 330-445-1101, and your call will be returned within 24-48 business hours.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. provides programs and services to a 10 county area. *For more than 90 years, Goodwill has been dedicated to improving the quality of life and employment opportunities for people in the communities we serve.*

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