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Goodwill Seeking Material Donations

Ohio – Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. is asking the public to clean out their closets. The 10-county organization is **in great need of material donations** for all of its store locations.

“Last year we gave away nearly \$150,000 worth of merchandise to individuals in need in our 10-county territory through our Voucher Program,” said Ken Weber, president and CEO of Goodwill. “While we strongly believe providing this Voucher Program is a necessity for those we serve, this generosity has placed us in *desperate* need of more material donations,” said Weber, explaining that the Voucher Program provides area non-profits, school systems and churches with Vouchers for free clothing and items to distribute to people who may have a need.

“We need the material donations, especially clothing, to keep our retail program thriving, because we rely on the profits from our retail stores to fund programs and services we offer to the communities we serve.”

The non-profit organization offers a realm of services to the community, including speech/hearing and audiological services, work evaluation, job placement, a service dog training program, court-ordered parenting skills training and more.

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Goodwill accepts clothing, household items and toys – even those birthday gifts that weren't quite right. Donations are collected and sold in the following 17 retail store locations: 260 Bluebell Dr. NW in New Philadelphia; 707 Canton Road in Carrollton; 12501 State St. in Alliance; 2254 Locust St. in Canal Fulton; 4510 West Tuscarawas St. in Canton; and 2630 Atlantic Blvd. in Canton; 950 South Main St. in North Canton; 864A West Maple in Hartville; 2745 Indian River Rd. SW in Massillon; 103 Main St. in Wintersville and 306 Penco Rd. in Weirton, West Virginia; 2295 East 55th St. in Cleveland; 13719 Lorain Rd. in Cleveland; 12650 A Rockside Rd. in Cleveland; 23999 Lorain in North Olmsted; 6339 Old York Rd. in Parma Hts.; and 2720 Van Aken Blvd. in Shaker. Donations also can be dropped off at Goodwill's Attended Donation Centers located in Stark and Cuyahoga Counties.

Receipts will be provided to donors at drop-off sites for tax deduction purposes.

Goodwill's mission is to improve the quality of life and employment opportunities for people in the communities it serves. *At Goodwill Working, Saving and Giving Never Felt So Good!*

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