



## **Goodwill Industries International Board Chair Visits Roanoke**

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**Roanoke, VA.** The Board Chair of Goodwill Industries International (GII), Gerald “Jerry” Davis will visit Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. The visit is planned for October 25 - 26, 2005. Davis took office in June of this year and will serve as GII Board Chair for one year.

Davis joined Goodwill in 1993 as President and CEO of Sandusky Bay Area Goodwill Industries in Ohio. Since 1998, he has served as President of Goodwill Industries of Central Texas (Austin) in addition to his current GII duties as Board Chair. Under his leadership, the Austin Goodwill has distinguished itself within the Goodwill network as a leading electronic recycler, provider of temporary services for people with disabilities and a top retail performer.

“We are very pleased to have Jerry spend time with our organization,” stated Bruce Phipps, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. “We look forward to learning from his expertise on such issues as hurricane relief efforts, e-waste, branding, as well as funding and legislative issues.”

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 205 local, community-based organizations in the U.S., Canada, and in 22 other countries. Goodwill Industries provides job training and placement and other employment services to people with disabilities, dislocated workers, welfare recipients, and other job seekers. In 2004, Goodwill provided jobs and met the employment needs of more than 723,000 people.

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, headquartered in Roanoke, serves 15 cities and 31 counties in central and southwest Virginia. Its mission is to help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome barriers to employment and to provide comprehensive services for achieving and sustaining independence. Last year, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys served over 1,800 individuals.

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