



Work Begins on Goodwill's 28th Retail Store, The First in Blacksburg

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Roanoke, VA. The lease has been signed and work is beginning on Goodwill Industries of the Valleys first retail store in Blacksburg. Scheduled to open in summer 2009, the store will be located in the former Family Dollar store in Patrick Henry Shopping Center at the corner of North Main Street and Patrick Henry Drive. The 8,470 square foot facility will be remodeled to accommodate a retail store and donation center.

Goodwill retail stores support the training and employment programs for individuals who face barriers to employment. Last year the donated goods operation generated \$22.2 million in revenue and provided over 400 jobs throughout the area in Virginia served by Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. The new store will be the 28th retail store and add approximately 15 jobs in Blacksburg, including management positions.

"We are very excited to be opening our first store in Blacksburg," states Bruce Phipps, President & CEO. "It will provide a great place to work, a place to recycle clothing and household items, and a wonderful low cost alternative to find great quality clothing and household items for the entire family."

The stores close proximity to the Virginia Tech campus, local apartment complexes, as well as residential neighborhoods will make it easy to shop and donate. Goodwill opened an Attended Donation Center in the parking lot of the new store in February. The public is able to recycle gently used clothing, household items, furniture, small appliances, and computers of any brand and condition at Goodwill. The Attended Donation Center is currently open Monday through Saturday from 9am – 5pm and noon – 5pm on Sunday. Once open, store hours will be Monday – Saturday from 8am – 9pm and Sunday noon – 6pm.

The Career Opportunities page on the Goodwill website www.goodwillvalleys.com provides a complete listing of job opportunities available throughout the organization. Management positions at the new store are expected to be posted in the next few days, with additional positions posted later this spring.

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, a United Way partner organization headquartered in Roanoke, serves 31 counties and 14 cities in the New River, Roanoke, and Shenandoah Valleys. Its mission is to help people and families in our community achieve a better life through work and independence. During the last fiscal year 90% of Goodwill revenues directly supported the training and employment programs enabling the organization to serve 10,815 individuals.

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