



Plans Begin for Ruckersville Goodwill Retail Store

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Ruckersville, VA. The lease has been signed and plans are beginning on Goodwill Industries of the Valleys retail store in Ruckersville. Scheduled to open in late spring or early summer 2010, the store will be located on Route 29 North between Wendy's and Kentucky Fried Chicken. The 11,195 square foot facility will house a retail store and donation center, providing another lost cost shopping opportunity for the community.

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 to Virginia residents served by Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. The new store will add 15 to 20 new jobs including supervisory positions. The Roanoke based job training non profit currently operates 27 retail stores.

"We are very excited to be opening our first store in Ruckersville," 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 store's location in Green County and proximity to local businesses and residential neighborhoods will make it easy to shop and donate. The public will be able to recycle gently used clothing, household items, furniture, small appliances, and computers of any brand and condition at Goodwill. 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 months preceding opening, with additional positions posted closer to opening day.

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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