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GOODWILL EXPANDING IN HAMPTON ROADS

OVERVIEW

One of 186 independent, community-based organizations in the U.S., Canada and 14 other countries.

Provides job training and employment services, job placement opportunities and post-employment support.

Strengthens communities and families by helping to develop independent, tax-paying members of society.

August 11, 2008: Virginia Beach, VA – As part of its expansion plan in Hampton Roads, Goodwill is replacing an existing location with two new ones, increasing its offerings and employment in the area.

Perhaps the more visible of the two new facilities is Goodwill's newest store. At **9:00 am on Thursday, August 14**, Goodwill will open at 600 South Lynnhaven Road, in the Lynnhaven North Shopping Center next to Lynnhaven Mall. The location formerly housed an A&N store and offers 10,000 square feet of recently renovated retail space for bargain hunters to shop. Goodwill will also maintain a donation center at the store where it will accept clothing and other household items. Donations may be made either on a walk in basis or at the convenient drive through. This store is a relocation of the Goodwill store at 5565 Virginia Beach Boulevard, which will begin store relocation sales soon.

Shoppers will find a great selection of merchandise, including fashions for the entire family, as well as electronics, toys, books, house wares, furniture and unique home accents, with new items arriving daily. Store hours are M-S, 9-8 and Sunday 11-5.

The other new location for Goodwill is at 1345 Diamond Springs Road in Virginia Beach. In addition to administrative offices, this site houses a donation center as well as a central processing area for multiple donation centers throughout the area.

This facility is also home to the Medical Adaptive Gifting Program, which accepts and distributes gently used medical equipment to those in need. In October Diamond Springs will also be the home to Hampton Roads' first Goodwill Outlet, where merchandise can be bought at even more preferred pricing, including goods available by the pound.

Goodwill operates 7 retail stores in Hampton Roads. Store revenues fund career development and support services for those with disabilities or other challenges to employment. Last year, Goodwill provided more than 10,400 individuals throughout the Hampton Roads and central Virginia communities with these services. The non-profit agency channels over 85 percent of its revenues directly into its mission, helping people help themselves through the power of work.

To learn more, call (757) 213-4474, or visit goodwillhr.org.

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