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**Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Elects Jim Raussen
As New Board Member**

Cincinnati, OH -- March 25, 2010 -- The Board of Directors of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center, Inc. is pleased to announce that Mr. Jim Raussen, Director of Insurance and Financial Services for the Ohio Department of Development has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors for the local not-for-profit organization. Mr. Raussen was elected at the Board of Directors meeting on March 22, 2010. Goodwill's Board of Directors helps to set policy and formulate governance issues and procedures for the organization.

Mr. Raussen was appointed to his current position in the Department of Development by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland. In this role, Mr. Raussen is responsible for establishing collaboration between Ohio's financial services industries and state government; focusing on workforce development for the growing insurance industry; marketing Ohio as a great place for the banking and insurance industries; and encouraging greater bank participation in support of economic development.

Prior to joining the Ohio Department of Development, Mr. Raussen served in the Ohio Legislature for three terms and was a member of various committees including Insurance, Health, Economic Development, and Public Utilities. While in the Ohio House, Raussen won many distinguished awards including Freshman Legislator of the Year from Columbus Monthly magazine, Watchdog of the Treasury award, Outstanding Legislator of the Year award from the Ohio Association of County Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, and was recently recognized as one of the area's top "Forty Under 40" by the Cincinnati Business Courier.

In addition to his legislative accomplishments, Mr. Raussen has four years of local government experience as a township trustee and has more than 10 years experience in the insurance industry with a focus on property and casualty, risk management, environmental, and worker's compensation issues. Raussen is a member of the board of trustees for the Health Improvement Collaborative of Cincinnati.

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Mr. Raussen is a graduate of Xavier University where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in history. He resides in Springdale, OH with his wife Tara and two children.

As one of the largest providers of vocational training and job placement services in Southwestern Ohio, Goodwill Industries has had a long history of excellence in the quality of services it provides to Greater Cincinnati. Each year, Ohio Valley Goodwill serves more than 2,500 men and women with disabilities and our nation's veterans. With support from the local community, Goodwill helps put people to work!

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