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GOODWILL INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES IT RECEIVES GRANT AWARDS FROM US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Cincinnati, OH – July 9, 2009 – Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries announces that it was recently awarded a total of \$599,440 from the United States Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training grants. The grants will fund programs that the organization provides for homeless veterans in Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana. Goodwill's *Homeless Veterans Reintegration Programs* (HVRP) assist homeless individuals who are veterans with securing housing, job training, employment, medical services, counseling, and legal services.

The grants will serve over 350 veterans throughout the region. Since the inception of the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program at Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries in the early 1990's, the organization has assisted over 4,600 veterans. More than 3,800 veterans have been helped with housing needs and 3,251 individuals have been placed into employment.

The grant awards were announced recently by Secretary of Labor, Hilda L. Solis to provide approximately 15,000 veterans with job training services across the country. Funds were awarded on a competitive basis to state and local agencies and non-profit organizations. "This funding will help veterans across the country access the resources they need to find good jobs and build a bright future for themselves and their families," said Secretary Solis.

"We are pleased that the US Department of Labor has chosen to support our programs and has provided Ohio Valley Goodwill with the financial means to continue our work with homeless veterans," said Charlie Blythe, Grants Director. For more information about Goodwill's veterans programs, contact Blythe at (513) 771-4800, ext. 6345.

As one of the largest providers of vocational training and job placement services in the Southwestern Ohio, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries has had a long history of excellence in the quality of services it provides to Greater Cincinnati. Last year (2008), Goodwill Industries provided service to more than 2,600 individuals and placed 678 individuals into competitive community jobs. With support from the local community, Goodwill helps put people to work.

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