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Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries President Receives Award From Southwest Ohio Rehabilitation Association

Cincinnati, OH -- December 7, 2009 -- Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is proud to announce that its President and CEO, Joseph Byrum was recognized with the Tomko Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Southwest Ohio Rehabilitation Association (SWORA). The awards were given at SWORA's 2009 awards banquet on December 5th held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The prestigious award is presented to an individual whose lifetime achievement represents a major contribution to the rehabilitation of people with disabilities. Mr. Charles Wright, Goodwill's Board Chairman, nominated and presented Byrum with the award at the luncheon. During his remarks, Mr. Wright noted Byrum's more than 30 years of service to Goodwill and the organization's consistent economic growth as well as its on-going expansion of its service capacity. "Joe's leadership and innovation has resulted in revenue increasing by 614% which has allowed the agency to continue to provide high quality services to individuals even when funding streams have been significantly reduced," said Wright.

The annual SWORA Award Luncheon event is held to recognize the contributions of human service professionals to the field of rehabilitation. "I am honored to be recognized by SWORA for my years of service to the field of rehabilitation but I am especially gratified by the achievements of the thousands of men and women with disabilities that Goodwill supports," said Byrum, in his acceptance speech.

SWORA is the leading rehabilitation organization in Southwest Ohio and is a member of the Ohio Rehabilitation Association.

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

Byrum resides in Springfield Township.

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