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Goodwill update

Placement Assistance Program Receives \$10,000 Grant

On Thursday, May 1, 2008, Joe Byrum, Ohio Valley Goodwill President and CEO, was pleased to accept a check for \$10,000 from the Josephine Schell Russell Charitable Trust to assist with funding for Goodwill's new Veterans Placement Assistance program. Delivered by PNC Bank representatives, Simon Sotelo and John Ataman, the grant money is specifically designated to help with Goodwill's employment efforts for military men and women.

"We are happy that the Josephine Schell Russell Trust and PNC Advisors chose this important program to support. Annually, Ohio Valley Goodwill serves more than 400 veterans in the Greater Cincinnati area and helps with employment and housing needs," said Joe Byrum.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries has been serving the needs of veterans since the early 1990's with programs that are designed to meet the housing, vocational and job placement needs for homeless veterans. The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Projects (HVRP) are Department of Labor funded programs designed to provide the supports and assistance needed for veterans to obtain employment and economic stability. Goodwill's HVRP services are available throughout the Greater Cincinnati area and Northern Kentucky areas, as well as in Adams, Brown, and Clermont Counties in rural Ohio. Depending upon the veteran's needs, funds may be available for the purchase of food, clothing, transportation, temporary shelter, and necessary work-related equipment and tools. Once the veteran is employed

and has located permanent housing, funds may be also available to assist with the first month's rent and security deposits.

Goodwill also operates a residential program for homeless veterans in need of intensive and holistic services in order to achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Veterans participating under this grant are housed in Goodwill's dormitory and are employed within Goodwill at competitive wages as part of a work hardening activity prior to transitioning to the community. Veterans receive case management services, help in accessing community resources, training in computer skills, and receive other individualized assistance. Ultimately, the veteran is assisted with finding permanent employment and community housing.

For additional information about Goodwill's services for homeless veterans, please contact Charlie Blythe, Grants Director at (513) 771-4800, ext. 6221 or at: ovgi2@aol.com or Mick Fusco, Grants Manager at (513) 631-4500 or at: mfusco@cincgoodwill.org

Pictured from left to right: Simon Sotelo, PNC Bank, Joe Byrum, Goodwill President and CEO, Tim Jago, Ohio Valley Goodwill and John Ataman, PNC Bank



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Ohio Valley Goodwill Hosts 2008 Legislative Luncheon

On Friday, May 16th, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries was pleased to welcome several of its legislative friends and partners to its 2008 Legislative Luncheon event. Hosted in cooperation with State Representative Jim Raussen, this year's event attracted a host of elected officials both on the federal and state level.

"We think it's very important to maintain on-going relationships with our legislative partners as we work together to address the economic health of our communities. Goodwill's mission of putting people to work is a proven winning strategy for addressing this vital concern," said Joe Byrum, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries President and CEO.

Attendees were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by participants in Goodwill's food services training program. They were also furnished with an overview of the programs and services that Goodwill provides as well as a synopsis of the impact that Goodwill has on the local economy. Legislators were then given a comprehensive tour of its corporate headquarters.



2008 Legislative Luncheon – Pictured from left to right: Stephen Hill (Congressman Chabot's office), State Representative Jim Raussen, State Representative Tom Brinkman, State Representative Joe Uecker, Brooke Hill (Senator Sherrod Brown's office), Sara Dreier (Congresswoman Jean Schmidt's office), Senator Eric Kearney and Joe Byrum, Goodwill President & CEO



CARE staff member, Sarah Zultosky (left) with Kim Wentworth participating in recycling

CARE Program Goes Green!

The Goodwill CARE (Center for Advocacy, Recreation and Education) program is working hard to lighten its global footprint. Program participants are recycling soda cans and saving the pop tabs. Since early spring, CARE participants have been gathering up cans and taking them to the Woodlawn Recycling Center located behind the Woodlawn Fire Station. CARE participants also take the pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House where the aluminum tabs are recycled and the proceeds benefit children and their families.

The recycling effort is just one of the many examples of community service learning opportunities offered through Ohio Valley Goodwill's award-winning CARE program. Designed to provide recreational, social and personal development experiences for interested participants, the program is now in its third year of operation and serves more than 40 individuals. For more information about the CARE program, please contact Sharon Hannon, Marketing Specialist, at (513) 771-4800, ext. 6364 or at: shannon@cincigoodwill.org



2008 Goodwill / MVD Celebrity Golf Outing – Special Guests and Celebrities

Goodwill Opens Brand New Mason Boutique and Drive-Thru Donation Center

Saturday, May 3, 2008, signaled the opening of Goodwill's newest boutique location and donation drive-thru center in Mason. Interested shoppers were delighted to discover the assortment of designer clothing and accessories that is featured at the brand new boutique located at 1063 Reading Road, in Mason, Ohio.

Despite cloudy skies and persistent raindrops, Goodwill's retail and donation teams were pleased to welcome a steady stream of visitors. "We are excited to be opening this brand new boutique in the Mason area," said Ann Walters, Sales Manager. "We think that the convenient drive-thru donation center will be popular with area residents and we've added the boutique to appeal to shoppers in Northern Cincinnati," added Gail Hana, Vice President for Contributed Goods. WARM 98 radio provided the entertainment in partnership with "CheckerZ," the clown. Customers also enjoyed the complimentary grilled lunch of hot dogs, chips and pop as well as their generous gift bags containing all kinds of useful Goodwill items.

The Mason boutique is the fifteenth store in Goodwill's network of retail locations serving the Greater Cincinnati area. Also new to Goodwill's collection of donation centers are the new Attended Donation Centers which recently opened in Westwood, Amelia and Milford. All Goodwill locations are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries appreciates the on-going generosity of citizens in the Greater Cincinnati community who have helped the organization to maintain its environmental commitment to re-use, re-new and recycle!



Ohio Valley Goodwill Sponsors 2008 Stand-Down Event!

On Friday, April 11, 2008, Ohio Valley Goodwill helped to coordinate its annual Cincinnati Stand Down event in cooperation with Mercy Franciscan St. John. This year's event attracted more than 525 veterans who are currently experiencing the challenge of homelessness. The phrase "stand down" comes from an old military term referring to a time when military personnel could have their personal needs attended to. This year's event offered free health screenings, HIV testing, eye exams, assistance with social security benefits and housing options as well as counseling on veteran's benefits.

"The purpose of the event is to draw attention to the needs of homeless veterans and to offer a variety of services to these individuals," said Mick Fusco, coordinator of the event and Goodwill's Grants Manager.

Ohio Valley Goodwill has been offering services to homeless and jobless veterans for many years. Last year (2007), Goodwill provided assistance to more than 700 veterans and homeless individuals. For more information about the program, please contact Mick Fusco at (513) 631-4500. The 2008 Stand-Down was co-sponsored by Ohio Valley Goodwill, Mercy Franciscan and Redeemer Church.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Presents 8th Annual Golf Outing!

On Thursday, June 19th, Ohio Valley Goodwill in partnership with title sponsor MVD Communications and celebrity chairperson, Joe Walter, welcomed 180 of their closest friends and supporters to the 8th annual Goodwill/MVD Celebrity Golf Outing. The annual outing was held once again at the beautiful Shaker Run Golf Club in Lebanon, Ohio. The weather conditions could not have been better for this year's event. Goodwill's partner, the Hamilton County Board of MR/DD, made its presence known by winning both the longest drive and also 1st place net in the overall standings.

The 2008 event also featured new meal sponsors JTM, and Blue Grass Meats, and players enjoyed the day-long grilling efforts of Goodwill volunteers

Gary Metzger, Eric Scott and Travis Peebles. Celebrity chairperson, Joe Walter, was pleased to have the involvement of more than 18 of his sports friends including Bengal alumni Icky Woods, Isaac Curtis, and Dave Lapham.

"We are always delighted to share this wonderful event with our many friends, partners and supporters of Ohio Valley Goodwill," said Joe Byrum, President and CEO. Proceeds from the annual outing go towards Goodwill's important mission of serving individuals with disabilities, our nation's veterans, and others with barriers to employment.

Visit Ohio Valley Goodwill's website at: www.cincinnati-goodwill.org to view exciting photos from this year's golf outing!



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Goodwill has 26 locations throughout Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Donations are accepted at any of the following locations. Call (513) 771-4800 for hours and information or visit our website at: www.cincinnati-goodwill.org

Amelia Attended Donation Center
87 East Main St.
Amelia, OH 45102

Batesville Goodwill Store
1348 State Rd., 46 East
Batesville, In 47006
(812) 934-6349

Beechmont Goodwill Store
4051 Commercial Dr.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45245
(513) 752-0067

Bellevue Goodwill Store
15 Donnemeyer Drive
Bellevue, Ky 41073
(859) 291-1333

Blue Ash Attended Donation Center
9410 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Brentwood Attended Donation Center
8685 Winton Rd. @ Former Kroger
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

Cheviot Goodwill Store
3980 North Bend Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211
(513) 662-7080

Delhi Attended Donation Center
5080 Delhi Pike @ former Kroger
Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Fairfield Goodwill Store
4605 Dixie Highway @ Fairfield
Crossing Plaza
Fairfield, Ohio 45014
513-939-0020

Florence Goodwill Store
7855 Tanner's Lane
Florence, Ky 41042
(859) 371-1238

Hamilton Goodwill Store
164 North Brookwood Ave.
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
(513) 863-9352

Hamilton Attended Donation Center
5420 Liberty Fairfield Rd. @ Kroger,
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Harrison Goodwill Store
1110 Harrison Ave.
Harrison, Ohio 45030
(513) 367-2495

Independence Goodwill Store
6435 Taylor Mill Road
Independence, KY 41051
(859) 356-5591

Lebanon Attended Donation Center
10 S. Mechanic St.
Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Loveland Goodwill Store
330 Loveland-Madeira Rd.
Loveland, Ohio 45140
(513) 683-1151

Mariemont Attended Donation Center
7385 Wooster Pike @ Kroger,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

Mason Boutique/Attended Donation Center
1063 Reading Rd.
Mason, OH 45040
(513) 770-3290

Milford Attended Donation Center
985 State Route 28
Milford, OH 45150

Mt. Airy Attended Donation Center
6401 Colerain Ave. @ Kroger
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

Montgomery Goodwill Store
10020 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242
(513) 791-7058

Oakley Goodwill Store
3080 Markbreit Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45209
(513) 631-6348

Tri-County Goodwill Store
10600 Springfield Pike
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215
(513) 771-4804

West Chester Attended Donation Center
7779 Tylersville Rd. & Cox @ Big Lots
West Chester, Ohio 45069

Westwood Attended Donation Center
2990 Harrison Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Williamsburg Goodwill Store
342 Main St.
Williamsburg, Ohio 45176
(513) 724-1402

The mission of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is to provide vocational rehabilitation services to persons of working age who are physically, mentally, psychologically or socially disabled and vocationally handicapped for the purpose of maximizing their vocational independence.

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