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Put Your Donations To Work For Your Community

Cincinnati, OH · December 2, 2008 · Get ready for the holidays by cleaning out your closets and basements and give your gently used clothing and other unwanted items to Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries. Making room for new holiday gifts, donors can follow a few simple guidelines to ensure that their donations benefit the people who need them most.

“Donations to Goodwill Industries are an investment in our community,” said Joe Byrum, President and CEO of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries. “Donations to Goodwill Industries help provide the income to fund vocational training programs and job support services for people with disabilities, homeless veterans and others with barriers to employment,” said Byrum. Because of the tight economic climate, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is in urgent need of community donations to help fund its important vocational training programs more than ever.

Some simple thoughts on donating...

DO:

1. Give to charities you know and trust. Note that fraudulent charities often modify the names of established groups. Avoid giving to organizations that ask for your credit card number on the telephone or request payment in cash.
2. Before donating an item, ask yourself if you'd give it to a relative or friend. Disposing of items Goodwill can't sell in its stores diverts dollars from its services to the community.
3. Leave donations at sites with attendants on duty. Donations dropped off beyond business hours encourage theft or damage.

DON'T:

1. Donate broken or soiled items.
2. Give items that have been recalled, banned, or don't meet current safety standards. For more information visit the **Consumer Product Safety Commission** (www.cpsc.gov) website.
3. Leave items unattended outside a donation center.

Goodwill accepts clothing, household items, seasonal goods and even toys. Revenue from the sale of items in Goodwill stores helps to provide over 60 percent of the revenue needed to offer Goodwill's important services. Call Goodwill at (513) 771-4800 for more information or visit www.cincinnatiatgoodwill.org Goodwill thanks the community for its support!

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