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**Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Staff Member**

**Honored by South West Ohio Rehabilitation Association**

**Cincinnati, OH ·· December 9, 2013 ··** Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is pleased to announce that Aimee Rittner, Assistant Director of Community-Based Services, was recently awarded with the Rehabilitation Manager of the Year Award from the South West Ohio Rehabilitation Association (SWORA) at their annual awards luncheon on Friday, December 6, 2013. Ms. Rittner was one of several staff to be recognized with awards at the annual awards program. The annual SWORA Awards Luncheon is held each year to recognize outstanding contributions to the field of vocational rehabilitation.

Ms. Rittner has been employed at Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries since March, 1996. The SWORA Rehabilitation Manager Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding administration of a service program designed to rehabilitate persons with disabilities. Among Rittner’s many noteworthy accomplishments in helping people with disabilities go to work is her active membership on the state policy committee for Employment First and consistent level of dedication to assisting individuals to fully participate in their communities.

The South West Ohio Rehabilitation Association (SWORA) is a group of rehabilitation professionals interested in improving service to individuals with disabilities. SWORA provides its members opportunities to increase their educational experience, network with other rehabilitation professionals and stay informed of all the latest rehabilitation events happening in the State of Ohio. “We are so pleased that the SWORA organization has chosen to recognize Aimee for her hard work and dedication to the field of rehabilitation and for her commitment to the people that she has served for so many years,” said Steve Koons, Goodwill’s Director of Rehabilitation Services.

Goodwill provides a diverse array of training and employment services for men and women with disabilities and other barriers to employment. For more information about these programs and services, please visit, [www.cincinnatigoodwill.org/services](http://www.cincinnatigoodwill.org/services).

Ms. Rittner resides in Lebanon, Ohio.

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