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Federal Grant Will Help Homeless Veterans in Cincinnati Transition into the Workforce

Cincinnati, OH -- July 1, 2013 -- Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is pleased to announce that it has received word from U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) that the organization has been awarded a new federal grant from U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP). The \$600,000 grant will be used to provide job training and support for homeless veterans.

"The men and women of the Armed Forces have been made a promise that if they defend our country, a grateful nation will provide them with services and benefits they have earned," Brown, a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, said. "These federal funds are a down payment in the promise to support those who have already given so much to our nation."

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center will utilize the funds for a variety of support services, including education and job training, counseling, job placement, and follow up assistance for homeless veterans in Cincinnati.

In the Greater Cincinnati area, Ohio Valley Goodwill has helped thousands of veterans, build their civilian careers. Locally, in 2012, Ohio Valley Goodwill served more than 700 veterans. Since the early 1990's, the organization has helped more than 5000 veterans to receive assistance with transitional and permanent housing, skill training, job placement assistance as well as case management support. "We are very proud of the quality services that we have been providing for the past twenty years for the hundreds of men and women that we have served at Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries," said Charlie Blythe, Goodwill's Grants Director. "This new grant will enable us to provide even greater services to more people."

"As we near the celebration of the 4th of July holiday and the anniversary of our nation's independence, it is fitting that we also honor and recognize all that our veterans do to keep our country safe and free," said Joseph Byrum, President and CEO of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries.

For more information about Ohio Valley Goodwill's programs and services for our nation's veterans, please visit www.cincinnati-goodwill.org/services or call 513-631-4500

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