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**Goodwill Industries Homeless Veterans
Reintegration Program Plans Stand Down Event on October 2, 2009**

Cincinnati, OH .. September 10, 2009.. The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries plans a “stand down” event on Friday, October 2, 2009 at the Bellevue Veterans Club in Northern Kentucky. The purpose of the event is to draw attention to the needs of homeless veterans and to offer a variety of services for these individuals. Activities will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The phrase “stand down” comes from an old military term relating to a time that military personnel can have their personal needs attended to. During the event veterans will have the opportunity to receive services from over 30 service providers including: housing referral and assistance, job services, medical services and tax assistance. Members of the Veterans Administration will be available to provide benefits counseling.

A free hot lunch will be provided from 12 Noon until 1:00 pm. An opening ceremony will take place at 9:00 am at the Veterans Club. The “stand down” offers a wonderful opportunity for members of the media to observe programs that are offered for veterans. This year’s event is being sponsored by Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries, the Bellevue Veteran’s Club, the Northern Kentucky One Stop, and the Cincinnati Veterans Administration. The Northern Kentucky Water District, Express Catering and Prestige Catering are contributing partners for the event.

Goodwill Industries has been offering services to homeless and jobless veterans for many years. To qualify for Goodwill’s Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, an individual must be homeless and be available for work. “We are always so pleased to be a part of this very special event to provide services for our veterans and to join in with other service providers to help to meet the needs for our veterans,” said Mick Fusco, Goodwill’s Grant’s Manager.

Last year (2008), Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries provided services to more than 550 veterans and homeless individuals. For more information about the stand down event, contact Mick Fusco at: (513) 631-4500.

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