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Goodwill Industries Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Plans Stand Down Event on October 11, 2013

Cincinnati, OH -- September 20, 2013 -- The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries plans a “Stand Down” event on Friday, October 11, 2013 at the Bellevue Veterans Club on Rt. 8 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 8:30 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: medical, dental, eye care, social services, employment, legal aid and career opportunities. Members of the Veterans Administration will be available to provide benefits counseling.

A free hot lunch will be provided from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. An opening ceremony will take place at 8:30 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 Cincinnati Veterans Administration Medical Center, and DAV.

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 meet the needs of our veterans,” said Bill Darnell, Goodwill’s Grants Manager.

Last year (2012), Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries provided services to more than 700 veterans and homeless individuals. For more information about the stand down event, contact Bill Darnell at (513) 631-4500.

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