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Ohio Valley Goodwill In Urgent Need Of Donations Following Early Morning Fire and Vandalism

Cincinnati, OH -- January 26, 2012 -- Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is asking the community to assist with donations for their Beechmont retail store location following an early morning fire and vandalism which occurred on Thursday, January 26, 2012. The retail store which is located at 4051 Commercial Drive was seriously damaged by a break in and fire. Much of the contents were damaged by smoke and water and the organization is asking donors to assist by offering donations of clothing and household goods. "The sale of donated items helps to provide the income that we need to make programs and services available to the hundreds of men and women with disabilities that we serve each year," said Joe Byrum, Goodwill's President and CEO.

In typical Goodwill fashion, its retail management team is determined to get the Beechmont retail store re-opened as quickly as possible which may be as soon as Friday, January 27th or Saturday, January 28th and is still currently accepting donations at its drive-thru donation center.

Customers should call the store at (513) 752-0067 to make certain that the retail location is open for business prior to coming. A large percentage of the inventory was destroyed so the organization is requesting that donors assist in making contributions in the coming days to restore the store to its normal capacity.

"Ohio Valley Goodwill is so grateful to the residents of Greater Cincinnati for their generosity and willingness to assist the organization with its very important mission to serve people with disabilities," said Joe Byrum. "Donations are so very important to our organization and especially at this time."

Donations to Goodwill are sold in local stores. The revenues generated then fund job training programs and support services that help people with workplace challenges and disabilities to achieve and maintain economic independence and an increased quality of life. Locally, Ohio Valley serves more than 2600 individuals annually including people with disabilities and our nation's veterans.