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Goodwill brings jobs, affordable merchandise to Murray-area residents

Grand opening activities scheduled for Thursday, May 7

Murray, Ky. — Thursday, May 7, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky will hold grand opening festivities for the organization's newest donated goods center and retail store, located at 1208 North 12th Street in Murray. Area residents who bring donations and/or shop at the new center that day will enjoy light refreshments as well as bargains on gently-used clothing and household items. The first 30 cars to drive through with donations will receive a special gift, and there will also be in-store giveaways.

"In Murray and in each community where we open a center, we find great generosity and a welcoming spirit among the residents," said John Wade, vice president of the Western Division for Goodwill Industries of Kentucky. "We value Murray residents' confidence in our ability to their turn donations into jobs, job training, and a better quality of life for people with disabilities or other disadvantages in this community."

The official event begins at 11:00 a.m. (Central time) and will include remarks by local officials and Goodwill representatives, a ribbon-cutting, and a facility tour. Goodwill's donated goods centers and retail stores employ 10-12 individuals and the Murray center occupies 10,000 square feet of space. A donation drive-thru can be easily accessed at the center. The retail store and drive thru are open 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

About Goodwill Industries of Kentucky

Goodwill accepts a variety of donations, including clothing and household items, for resale in its stores. Donations are tax deductible and receipts are available. Your support helped Goodwill Industries of Kentucky place more than 1,830 individuals in jobs and pay more than \$14 million in mission-related wages in its last fiscal year. Goodwill provides jobs, job training, adult literacy programs, vocational testing and counseling, and employment services for people with disabilities or other disadvantages. For your nearest donation center or store, visit www.goodwillky.org or call 1-800-889-8775.

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