



Give the Gift of Hope this Holiday Season and Receive an End of the Year Tax Deduction

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Roanoke, VA. Did you know that making room for the new goodies you received this Holiday season can earn you a tax deduction? Even better, it provides opportunities and hope to the individuals with disabilities and disadvantages that Goodwill serves.

Goodwill accepts clothing, household goods, books, toys, antiques, and other items – even those holiday gifts that weren't quite right. Goodwill uses the revenue from your donations to fund education and career services for people with disabilities and social and economic disadvantages, such as welfare dependency and lack of education or work experience. Goodwill is committed to *"Building a Better Community"* by providing these needed services to help put people to work.

"End the holiday season and start the New Year off right by giving the gift of hope," says Bruce Phipps, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. "Every donation to Goodwill will help make 2006 a better year for hundreds of individuals who need job training and other Goodwill services." In 2005, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys served over 1,800 people in need and placed 159 people in competitive employment in the community.

Donors interested in claiming tax deductions should keep itemized lists of their donations. Goodwill provides receipts to donors at its drop-off sites, and attendants can validate itemized lists when they are presented. The Internal Revenue Service allows a deduction for each item, but it is the responsibility of the donor to determine the value of each item. Generally, an item's value should be based on fair market value – what the item would sell for in a thrift store.

Donations are accepted at the 20 Goodwill retail stores throughout central and southwest Virginia, as well as at the Attended Donation Centers conveniently located throughout the communities. Goodwill also accepts the donation of used cars, trucks, boats, or recreational vehicles, which are sold at auction to generate additional financial support for Goodwill's mission. For the retail or donation center location nearest you, or for more information on vehicle donation visit www.goodwillvalleys.com or call (540) 581-0620.

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, headquartered in Roanoke, serves 15 cities and 31 counties in central and southwest Virginia. Its mission is to help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome barriers to employment and to provide comprehensive services for achieving and sustaining independence.

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