



## **Goodwill to Recognize Community, Volunteers, Businesses and Program Recipients at Awards Banquet**

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**Roanoke, VA.** Goodwill Industries of the Valleys will hold its Annual Awards Banquet on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. The banquet will begin with a social at 5:30 and the awards ceremony starting at 6:30.

“We look forward to the banquet every year, as it is our chance to thank those that have been instrumental to our success. It also allows us to educate the community about the complexity of our organization”, stated Bruce Phipps, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. The Annual Awards Banquet is an opportunity for Goodwill to honor program recipients, volunteers, local businesses and community leaders for their commitment throughout the past year.

This year the banquet will feature Jane Woods, public policy consultant and former Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources, as the Keynote Speaker. Ms. Woods is a native of Virginia and a graduate of American University. She spent nearly 20 years as a teacher in Virginia’s public school system. In 1987 she was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates. In 1992 she was elected to the State Senate, where she served the City of Fairfax and part of Fairfax County until 2000. Ms. Woods has served on many commissions and committees concerning human service policy and delivery as well as education and business capital.

The Goodwill Annual Awards Banquet’s primary sponsor is BB&T. Additional sponsors include Woods Rogers PLC, LeClair Ryan Flippin Densmore, Triangle Realty and Member One Federal Credit Union.

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. Last year, Goodwill served over 1,800 individuals.

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