



Goodwill Helps Hurricane Victims Evacuated to Area

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Roanoke, VA. Goodwill Industries of the Valleys is offering clothing vouchers to victims of Hurricane Katrina who are relocating to Western Virginia through organizations sponsoring their relocation.

The vouchers will be valued at \$35 and allow each displaced individual to purchase three complete outfits and a pair of shoes or other items of need at any of the 20 retail stores operated by GIV. A representative of an organization that is sponsoring the relocation must approve the vouchers. Individuals can request the vouchers only through a legitimate charitable organization.

“While the revenue from our retail stores is critical to our mission of providing employment to the disabled and disadvantaged,” says Bruce Phipps, president and CEO of GIV, “the impact of Hurricane Katrina has created needs we have not seen in previous natural disasters.”

Organizations that are helping to relocate hurricane victims in Western Virginia should call the corporate offices of GIV at (540) 581.0620 and ask for Hurricane Relief. A representative of the sponsoring organization will receive the vouchers that must be signed by the agency before use.

Phipps asks donors to continue to contribute clothing and household items to normal Goodwill collection sites at Attended Donation Centers, or collection centers within the retail stores. GIV supports the hurricane relief efforts of Goodwill Industries International. Part of that support is cash donations from retail store revenue.

Goodwill also has a number of job opportunities available throughout the area it serves. Available job listings and applications are available in all store locations, as well as on the web site at www.goodwillvalleys.com.

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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