



Plans Continue for an Early Spring Opening of Goodwill Store in Ruckersville

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Ruckersville, VA. Construction continues on the newest Goodwill Industries of the Valleys' retail store on Rt. 29 in Ruckersville. Scheduled to open early April 2010, the store will be located at 8758 Seminole Trail, a half mile from the intersection of Route 29 and Route 33. The new store will offer the community over 9,000 square feet of retail space with a total of square footage of 11,195. This new location will offer the public high quality, low cost furniture, books, household items, and clothing for the entire family, as well as a convenient donation center.

"This new store in Ruckersville is another way Goodwill can help "Build a Better Community"", states Bruce Phipps, President & CEO. "The stores proximity to Charlottesville and surrounding communities along the Route 29 corridor, will offer many a low-cost shopping alternative and a convenient donation location on the commute to or from work."

Goodwill retail stores support the training and employment programs for individuals who face barriers to employment. Last year the donated goods operation generated \$24.1 million in revenue and provided over 400 jobs in the communities served by Goodwill Industries of the Valleys in Virginia. The new store will add 18 new jobs including supervisory positions. Goodwill currently operates 29 retail stores with Ruckersville being the 30th location.

Shopping and donating at the new Ruckersville Goodwill store will be convenient with its high visibility location on Route 29. An Attended Donation Center will be placed less than a mile south of the new store, at 8458 Seminole Trail, within the next month and will be open Monday – Saturday from 9am - 4pm and Sunday, noon - 4pm for donations. Goodwill accepts gently used clothing, household items, furniture, small appliances, and computers of any brand and condition. Once open, store and donation hours will be Monday – Saturday from 8am – 9pm and Sunday noon – 6pm.

The Career Opportunities page on the Goodwill website www.goodwillvalleys.com provides a complete listing of job opportunities available. Positions in the new store are currently online and will remain posted until filled.

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, a United Way partner organization headquartered in Roanoke, serves 31 counties and 14 cities in the New River, Roanoke, and Shenandoah Valleys. Its mission is to help people and families in our community achieve a better life through work and independence. In 2009 Goodwill served over 32,000 people and placed 664 into competitive community employment.

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