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Goodwill Opens New Donation Center in Peabody

Boston (February 3, 2009) – After collecting donations for more than 20 years at 535 Lowell Street, Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries announced today that it has relocated its attended donation center in Peabody.

The new center, located at 19 Howley Street in the Stop & Shop parking lot, will open Tuesday, Feb. 3, and replace the one on Lowell Street, which closed on Jan. 27.

“We’re grateful to Stop & Shop for allowing us to use the parking lot,” said Terry Fitzpatrick, vice president of social enterprises at Goodwill. “After years of going to the old location, we hope Peabody residents will be just as supportive at our new center.”

The donation center will operate seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. An attendant will review donations to ensure they are items Goodwill can accept. Donors can also request a tax receipt.

Goodwill accepts donations of clothing, shoes, accessories, books, small working appliances, household items, small furniture, antiques, collectibles, and more. Goodwill urges residents to donate items that are of good quality with no rips, tears, stains or need for repair and to donate during the hours of operation.

Donations are sorted, inspected, and distributed by Goodwill job trainees to the nine Goodwill Stores in central and eastern Massachusetts. The merchandise is then sold at affordable prices and supports Goodwill’s program for individuals with barriers to self-sufficiency.

ABOUT MORGAN MEMORIAL GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

For more than a century, Goodwill has provided job training programs and partnered with the business community to provide meaningful work opportunities for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to self-sufficiency. The eight Goodwill Stores and one outlet store in eastern and central Massachusetts provide on-the-job training opportunities for Goodwill participants and support Goodwill’s programs. In addition, Goodwill operates Boston Career Link, a one-stop career center, which offers universal access to a broad range of services for job seekers, individuals who are looking to

advance or change careers, and employers seeking good job candidates. Goodwill also offers programs that foster academic achievement and career aspirations among urban youth. Goodwill annually serves more than 9,000 people. www.goodwillmass.org

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