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Goodwill Opens First Donation Center in Reading

New center located at 1342 Main Street

Boston (May 4, 2009) – Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries today announced that it has opened its first attended donation center in Reading on Monday, May 4. The new center will be located at 1342 Main Street (Route 28) in the Home Goods parking lot.

The donation center will operate seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tax receipts will be provided.

“We’re looking forward to establishing a presence in Reading, which is a new community for us,” said Terry Fitzpatrick, vice president of social enterprises at Goodwill. “This is a great time to do a little spring cleaning, clean out those closets, and donate to Goodwill.”

Goodwill accepts donations of clothing, shoes and other accessories, books, small working appliances, household items, small furniture, antiques, collectibles, and more. 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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