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Goodwill to Open Two New Stores in 2009

South Attleboro store to open Aug. 27, Jamaica Plain to follow in October

Boston (Aug 27, 2009) – Residents in the Attleboro area will have a new and exciting budget-saving shopping experience when The Goodwill Store opens in that area on Aug. 27. And residents in Jamaica Plain will experience déjà vu “all over again” as The Goodwill Store returns to that neighborhood in October.

“We are really excited about these two new stores,” said Terry Fitzpatrick, vice president of social enterprises at Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries. “The Attleboro location is brand new territory for us, but the response we have gotten from the community has been great. And we’re really excited about going back to Jamaica Plain, as it was an excellent location for us for a number of years.”

The 16,000 square foot store at 115 Washington Street in South Attleboro rivals the size of Goodwill’s Harrison Avenue, Boston, store and also has its own donation center. Eventually, the South Attleboro store will be stocked completely with merchandise from its own donation center.

“We’re thrilled to have a Goodwill Store opening so close to Rhode Island,” said Jeffrey Machado, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island. “We’re also pleased that one of our job training graduates will be working at the store. This is a wonderful opportunity to further raise awareness of Goodwill’s mission in this area.”

In Jamaica Plain, the 6,300 square foot store at 678 Centre Street represents a homecoming of sorts. Goodwill had a store in the neighborhood until 2003 when it was closed because it was too small.

With the South Attleboro and Jamaica Plain openings, Goodwill will have 11 stores in eastern and central Massachusetts. The Goodwill Stores are run as social enterprises, meaning they support Goodwill’s mission to provide job training for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment while also providing jobs and good quality, low-cost goods to individuals and families looking for value.

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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. 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. The Goodwill Stores in eastern and central Massachusetts provide jobs and on-the-job training opportunities, offer quality, low-cost goods to individuals and families looking for value and support other programs and services fulfilling Goodwill's charitable mission. Goodwill annually serves more than 9,000 people. www.goodwillmass.org

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