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## **Goodwill, Companies Team Up to *Put Your Clothes to Work***

*Clothing drive helps job seekers look good, feel good, and get hired*

**Boston (April 30, 2010)** – Before you toss out that suit or skirt you never wear anymore, think again – it may help someone find a job.

Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries' annual *Put Your Clothes to Work* corporate clothing drive kicks off on May 10 as employees of local companies team up to donate business attire for Goodwill's Clothing Collaborative for Job Trainees.

The Clothing Collaborative provides interview-appropriate apparel to men and women who have completed job training at Goodwill or other Boston-area job training programs and are looking for jobs.

This year, Bingham, BNY Mellon, Building Impact, The Castle Group, Caturano and Company, and The TJX Companies have organized the annual drive in collaboration with Goodwill. Up to 30 companies are expected to participate. D'Spa by Dellaria will provide gift certificates to be raffled off to Clothing Collaborative participants.

"Having the right outfit can make all the difference when you are looking for a job. Dressing right for an interview makes you feel better and improves your chances for success," said Joanne K. Hilferty, president and CEO of Goodwill. "We are thankful to all of the businesses and the hundreds of individuals who donate to the drive and help our participants' career dreams come true."

During last year's *Put Your Clothes to Work* clothing drive, companies donated nearly 13,000 items of interview-appropriate clothing plus accessories. These donations helped provide complete outfits for hundreds of job seekers from Goodwill and other community-based organizations.

Friends and supporters of the *Put Your Clothes to Work* clothing drive will gather for a reception at Caturano and Company on Wednesday, May 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the launch of this year's drive.

## **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. 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. For more information, please visit [www.goodwillmass.org](http://www.goodwillmass.org)

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