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GOODWILL'S ANNUAL MEETING TO CELEBRATE 10-YEAR MILESTONES AT WATERLOO ROAD FACILITY

SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010, AT THE GOODWILL SERVICE CENTER

AKRON, Ohio—March 9, 2010— Goodwill Industries serving Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland and Richland Counties will celebrate an outstanding service year at its 2010 Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Goodwill Service Center in Akron (570 East Waterloo Road).

The event will feature a networking reception beginning at 4:30 p.m., followed by a program beginning at 5:30 p.m., when the agency will celebrate service delivery to over 8,600 individuals and thank its long-time volunteers, including retiring Board Members Ed Avena; William Glaeser; John January; James E. Merklin, CPA, CFE; Charles Schreckenberger, AIA; John L. Shulan; Sarah K. Stem; and Mark A. Whitlam.

Premiere of the agency's 2010 mission video will follow remarks from Nancy Ellis McClenaghan, President & CEO, and William Glaeser, Chairman of the Board of Directors. The theme for this year's Annual Meeting is "Celebrating 10 Years on Waterloo," highlighting milestones for the agency since 2000, when it relocated its headquarters to the former Acme grocery store building on Waterloo Road in Akron.

"Ten years ago, Goodwill served about 3,900 individuals in our community. Today, the agency is serving more than 8,600 individuals each year. Goodwill's mission of helping individuals prepare for, find, and retain employment is more prevalent than ever," said McClenaghan.

Annual Meeting Details

Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at the Goodwill Service Center, 570 East Waterloo Road, Akron, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and networking. Program begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each (\$5 donative value). Contact Brenda Baum at 330-724-6995, ext. 101 or bbaum@goodwillakron.org for tickets or more information. RSVPs are requested by March 12.

Goodwill would like to thank its annual and event sponsors, which include: **Bronze-level** - Bober, Markey, Fedorovich; BCG & Comapny; National City/PNC; and Welty Building Company, Ltd / **Media Partner** - Rubber City Radio Group.

About Goodwill Industries:

Goodwill Industries of Akron is a not-for-profit corporation that helps individuals prepare for, find, and retain employment. Operating in the five-county region of Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland, and Richland, the Akron-based agency was established in 1927. It is a private, independent organization, operating as an affiliate member of Goodwill Industries International, and a United Way agency in Summit and Medina Counties. Goodwill helps to directly strengthen the region's workforce through its employment programs and indirectly through the net proceeds from its retail outlets and contract services division. For more information about Goodwill, visit www.goodwillakron.org or call 800-989-8428.

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