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Goodwill Opens New Donation Center in Norwood

Boston (February 17, 2009) – Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries today announced that it will open a new attended donation center in Norwood on Monday, Feb. 23. The new center will be located at 134 Nahatan Street in the Shaw's Supermarket parking lot.

The donation center will operate seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donors can also request a tax receipt. Goodwill had a donation center in Norwood before, but it closed in May 2008.

"We're excited about being back in Norwood, which was always a very supportive community," said Terry Fitzpatrick, vice president of social enterprises at Goodwill. "This is great time to be opening a new center because donations are low at this time of the year and people can really make a difference."

Goodwill accepts donations of clothing, shoes and other accessories, books, small working appliances, household items, small furniture, antiques, collectibles, and more. Goodwill urges residents to donate gently worn clothing 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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