



Goodwill Opens First Store in Bastrop

New Store Helps Fund Goodwill's Mission of Helping People Find Jobs in Tough Economy

WHAT: Goodwill Industries of Central Texas will be celebrating the opening of its first retail store in Bastrop, Texas. The new location offers community members a convenient place to donate gently used items, computers and cars, as well as support Goodwill's mission of providing job services for people with barriers.

With the effects of the current economy, Goodwill's donations are down by 9 percent, but the amount of people coming to Goodwill for job services are up by more than 40 percent compared to last year. This store's opening couldn't have come at a better time to better support unemployed Central Texans.

The community is invited to attend the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:45 a.m. with Bastrop Mayor Terry Orr, members of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce, Goodwill board members, executives and staff.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, shoppers can enjoy participating in holiday activities throughout the day, including having their picture taken with Santa, creating holiday gift cards and more. Prizes will be given out to the first 100 shoppers in line.

WHEN: Saturday, December 12
8:45 a.m. (Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony)

WHERE: Goodwill in Bastrop (at Loop 150 and Hwy 71)
57 Loop 150
Bastrop, TX 78602

WHO: Jerry Davis, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Central Texas
Bastrop Mayor Terry Orr
Bastrop Chamber of Commerce

About Goodwill Industries of Central Texas:

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the mission of providing job-related services for people with barriers to employment. Revenue generated through the sale of donated goods is used to fund job training and employment programs for Central Texans. For more information about Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, go to www.austingoodwill.org.

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