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**Goodwill Opens New Location in Scottsburg**

*Store at 543 Mansfield Drive replaces 1602 W. McClain Avenue location*

Goodwill celebrated the opening of its newest store today in Scottsburg. Located at 543 Mansfield Drive, the store features more than 55,000 items for sale, including clothing, household goods, toys, books and more. Donations are accepted at the store, which will be open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The store is significantly larger than the previous Scottsburg site, located at 1602 W. McClain Avenue. That store, which opened in 2003 and closed permanently this month, had just 4,000 square feet of sales floor space and a small area for processing donations.

“This store is noticeably larger, with a sales floor of more than 8,000 square feet,” said Eric Schlegel, Goodwill’s vice president for retail operations. “The donation processing area is nearly 4,000 square feet larger. Donations will be processed more efficiently, and product will get to the sales floor faster.”

The store also features more cash registers and nearly double the number of employees.

“Our renovation of the McClain Avenue site last February brought many improvements, but we needed a new space to give Scottsburg donors and shoppers the Goodwill experience they deserved,” Schlegel said, referring to the grand re-opening of multiple southern Indiana Goodwill locations in early 2017. “We’re proud to bring this new store to Scottsburg and bring new jobs along with it.”

The store will have 24 employees. More than half of Goodwill’s 2,600 retail employees in central and southern Indiana face one or more significant barriers to employment, including disabilities, limited education and criminal history. Employees have access to a variety of resources to help them increase their education and future employability. Goodwill also helps employees connect with higher-wage positions within the organization or with other employers, when they’re ready for a transition.

“Each new store means new opportunities for Hoosiers who can benefit from our services,” Schlegel said. “Our shoppers and donors make it all possible. We wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for their support and the support of communities like Scottsburg.”

**About Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana**

Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana changes lives every day by empowering people to increase their independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment. Goodwill serves 39 counties and operates more than 70 retail locations, as well as charter schools for adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more.

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