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GOODWILL OF CENTRAL ARIZONA CELEBRATES “GOODWILL WEEK” WITH DONATION DRIVE AT VALLEY STORES

PHOENIX, Ariz. (May 5, 2006) – Most Valley residents already know that Goodwill of Central Arizona is a not-for-profit organization that sells donated clothing and household items at its retail locations. A lesser-known fact about Goodwill is that ninety percent of all revenue generated through the collection and sale of donated goods is channeled back into the community through job training and placement services. May 7-14, 2006, Goodwill of Central Arizona will share this message of its mission while celebrating Goodwill Industries Week with donation drives at each of its 28 Valley locations.

Goodwill Industries International, with a network of 205 organizations in the United States and 23 other countries, invites each of its Goodwill agencies to annually renew the organization’s pledge to help people get good jobs and advance their careers. Goodwill of Central Arizona is asking Valley residents to donate items to their local Goodwill store, in support of the vital job-training programs and career services Goodwill provides.

Last year, more than 9,400 people received services at Goodwill and more than 1,400 people found jobs. When Valley residents donate to Goodwill of Central Arizona, they can feel confident in knowing that the contribution will support services to help people transform their lives and the lives of their families.

Various services are offered at the Goodwill Workforce Development locations, including Career Center Services, WIA Services, Rehabilitation Services, Temporary Employment Services and Youth Services. The Goodwill Career Centers are equipped with computers, printers, Internet access, telephones, and fax

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machines to provide services such as job posting and labor market information, community resources and training tutorials, at no cost to the community. Goodwill of Central Arizona WIA Services, available to all WIA participants, provides career counseling, case management, development of an individual employment plan and comprehensive career skills assessments. Goodwill of Central Arizona Rehabilitation Services offers career options to persons with disabilities. Goodwill Temporary Employment Services works with government agencies and Valley companies to provide traditional temporary and temporary-to-permanent hire positions in the areas of light industrial services, offices services and professional services to skilled, trained individuals. In collaboration with other community organizations and Government agencies, Goodwill of Central Arizona also offers Youth Services, which assists youth aged 14 to 21 with barriers to education and employment.

Goodwill’s mission is to create hope, jobs and futures for people in the community, and Valley residents can show their support by donating items at any of Goodwill’s 28 retail locations throughout the Valley. Hours of operation for Goodwill of Central Arizona retail stores, which double as donation centers, are online at www.goodwillaz.org.

About Goodwill of Central Arizona

Goodwill of Central Arizona is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit agencies in Arizona and is a nationally recognized leader in empowering people to achieve their highest level of personal and economic independence. Their philosophy is simple: provide an environment for people to believe they can succeed, achieve goals, develop skills and change the barriers they face every day. For more information on Goodwill of Central Arizona, visit goodwillaz.org.

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