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## **Goodwill Relocates Retail Store in Hammond**

### *New Store Offers 13,000 Square Feet of Bargains and Treasures*

(September 23, 2010) – Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana is excited to announce the relocation of its retail store in Hammond. Currently at 42286 Veterans Avenue, the store reopens tomorrow, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in a brand new location—the Hobby Lobby Shopping Center at 2722 West Thomas Street.

Mayor Mayson Foster and Goodwill President William Jessee will commemorate the occasion at 9AM with a ribbon cutting to welcome patrons. The current store location will close for business tonight at its regular closing time.

The Hobby Lobby location features approximately 13,000 square feet of space as well as a drive thru donation center. Store hours will remain unchanged: Monday – Saturday from 9am – 8pm and Sunday Noon – 6pm.

The gently used clothing and household items that are generously donated by the community help support training and employment programs for individuals who face barriers to employment in southeast Louisiana. Last year the sale of donated goods helped provide services to more than 10,000 people in Southeast Louisiana.

“We are looking forward to serving the Hammond community in this great new location. Convenience and customer service are a high priority for Goodwill. This relocation will allow us to offer a better experience to both shopper and donor alike,” said William L. Jessee, President of Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana. “It will also continue to provide a great place to work, a place to recycle clothing and household items, and a wonderful low cost, shopping alternative for the entire family.”

Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana, Inc. serves 23 parishes and operates 14 retail stores and donation centers. Its mission is to help people with disabilities and other disadvantages achieve a better life through work and independence. More than eighty-percent of every retail dollar provide vocational opportunities – including jobs, training, literacy skills and employment-placement services – to people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. For location information and more about Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana, visit [www.goodwillno.org](http://www.goodwillno.org) or find Goodwill on Facebook or Twitter ([www.twitter.com/GoodwillNOLA](http://www.twitter.com/GoodwillNOLA)).

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