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GOODWILL TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE ALL DC AREA DONATION CENTERS

Washington, DC – Effective immediately, Goodwill of Greater Washington (Goodwill) will temporarily close all of its 18 area donation centers. The donation centers are scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, July 8th, and will remain open daily between noon and 3:00PM.

While Goodwill is overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity the DC area community has demonstrated with the volume of quality donations it has received since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, sadly, Goodwill has exhausted all possible storage space as the donations continue to pile up.

While Goodwill had hoped that the reopening of its retail stores over the past two weeks would measurably reduce the backlog of goods, the volume of donations has only increased.

“It’s a good problem to have in one sense because all of the donations can and will be sold to help fund our critical job training programs and services”, said Brendan Hurley, Goodwill’s Chief Marketing Officer. “However, with limited storage capacity, the volume is presently more than we can handle.”

Goodwill hopes that by closing down the donation centers for two weeks, it will be able to free up some space in its warehouses to accommodate the donated goods, while also giving the charitable organization more time to find additional warehouse space.

All of Goodwill of Greater Washington’s 20 retail stores are now open except its DC store at 2200 South Dakota Avenue, NE, which Goodwill anticipates will open shortly.

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About Goodwill: Goodwill of Greater Washington’s mission is to transform lives and communities through the power of education and employment.