

Goodwill Northern Illinois to Open DeKalb Store

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Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois will soon be opening a close-to-campus store located in the Glidden Crossings Shopping Center on the southwest corner of Annie Glidden Road and Taylor Street in DeKalb, Illinois.

On Tuesday, May 26, 2009 the DeKalb City Council gave a unanimous approval to amending an annexation agreement with Glidden Crossings, Inc. The amendment paved the way for Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois to open a 17,000 sq. ft. retail store at 975 S. Annie Glidden Road. Goodwill joins anchor tenant Schnucks grocery store which opened in 2007, along with Hair Cuttery and Greenacre Cleaners.

“We are thrilled with the opportunity to be able to locate one of our stores in DeKalb,” states Sam Schmitz, President of Goodwill Northern Illinois. “We think the Glidden Crossings is a first class development and we look forward to strong donations and sales in that location. Furthermore, we look forward to collaborating with various agencies in the DeKalb area to further our mission of helping people find meaningful employment to support themselves and their families.”

Goodwill’s retail operations sell donated, gently-used products as well as new items such as overstocks and close-outs from some of the best-known stores in the state. They hope to open in August 2009 with a grand opening celebration in September 2009. The DeKalb Goodwill store will employ between 30 and 35 people.

Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois is a community-based not-for-profit organization that provides jobs, training, and placement services for people with barriers to achieve meaningful employment. Goodwill stores in northern Illinois (Rockford, Machesney Park, Freeport, Sterling) and Beloit, Wisconsin employ more than 170 people. Visit our website at www.goodwillni.org.

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