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## **Goodwill of Central Arizona makes holiday giving easy**

**PHOENIX, Ariz. (November 15, 2007)** — The holiday season is a time for family, friends and goodwill towards others. Helping those less fortunate is a critical part of the holiday spirit and can be as simple as donating unwanted, gently used items. Goodwill of Central Arizona has made giving easier with its drop-off centers across the Valley.

“This time of year is so crucial to those without gainful employment. Goodwill of Central Arizona is committed to helping those with disadvantaging conditions find work,” said Dianne Hanson, President and CEO at Goodwill of Central Arizona. “Giving to Goodwill is easy, effective community service and a wonderful way to help others during the holiday season.”

Without generous community donations, Goodwill would be unable to provide job skills training programs for youth and adults, thus strengthening Arizona’s communities. The sale of donated gently used clothing or household items supports Goodwill’s various programs that provide job training, education and career services for those with vocational disadvantages.

Those itemizing deductions on federal tax returns are entitled to claim charitable giving for material items that are in good condition to Goodwill. For items worth more than \$500, a qualified appraisal must accompany the claim. Goodwill will provide a donation receipt and those wishing to claim the donation should make a detailed inventory of the items that are donated and keep it with the Goodwill receipt. Under U.S. tax law, Goodwill of Central Arizona cannot assess the value of the donations for tax purposes.

Those donating money will receive dollar-for dollar tax credits for their donations. Arizona taxpayers filing as single and unmarried heads of household may contribute up to \$200. Taxpayers who are filing a joint tax return may qualify for a maximum credit of \$400. Valued donations help provide job skills training and assist those with barriers to employment reach self-sufficiency.

Goodwill accepts corporate, monetary and vehicle donations in addition to material household and clothing items. To locate a donation center nearest you or more information regarding tax deductible donations, please visit [www.goodwillaz.org/donate](http://www.goodwillaz.org/donate).

Celebrating 60 years in the Valley, Goodwill of Central Arizona is one of the oldest and largest non-profit agencies in Arizona. Our mission is to "Put People to Work" throughout Arizona by providing job training and career services to those with vocational disadvantages that can include physical and emotional barriers, welfare dependency, illiteracy and age. In 2006, we served 10,000 youth and adults on their quest toward self-sufficiency and placed more than 2,300 into competitive employment. For more information on Goodwill of Central Arizona visit [www.goodwillaz.org](http://www.goodwillaz.org).

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