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Rockingham County, Virginia – Rockingham County and Goodwill Industries® of the Valleys are partnering on a project to offer residents an opportunity to donate clothes, accessories, blankets, linens, housewares and other non-breakable items at four Rockingham County Recycling Sites.

Donation boxes, featuring EDGAR®, will be located at Rockingham County recycling sites in Mauzy, Elkton, Grottoes, and Waggy's Creek. EDGAR is Goodwill's "little green man" that stands for "Educating that Donations to Goodwill® are Recyclable."

Donation Box locations (during normal operating hours):

- Elkton - 15836 Old Spotswood Trail (33 Business), West of Elkton
- Mauzy - 142 Mayland Road (Rt. 259), West of North Valley Pike (Rt. 11)
- Waggy's Creek - 10748 Waggy's Creek Rd. (Rt. 742)
- Grottoes - 1005 20th Street

"We hope residents use the unattended donation boxes to drop off gently used items that might end up in the landfill if an appropriate alternative is not available" said Linda Zirkle, Recycling Coordinator at the Department of Public Works in Harrisonburg, VA. "Our hope is these four sites will be so popular that the program will expand to include a box at the Bergton Recycling Center, making this service available at all five Rockingham County Recycling Centers."

"We are excited about partnering with the County to offer residents more opportunities to donate and help people in our community get back to work and gain greater independence," said Mark Brittain, Vice President Donated Goods Operations at Goodwill. "A lot of families depend on shopping at Goodwill and the job training and employment programs we provide. Items that cannot be reused will be recycled."

Residents may bring items too large for these donation boxes to either of the two Goodwill stores in Harrisonburg at 2475 S. Main Street and 1740 E. Market Street.

The County's recycling and collection sites are open Monday through Saturday from 7am to 5pm and on Sundays from 11am to 5pm. Waggy's Creek & Grottoes sites are closed on Wednesday.

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, a United Way partner organization headquartered in Roanoke, serves 31 counties and 14 cities in the New River, Roanoke, and Shenandoah Valleys. Its mission is to help people and families in our community achieve a better life through work and independence. In 2011 Goodwill assisted 75,734 individuals through its training and employment programs and in this difficult employment market placed 2,111 people into jobs in the community. For more information about Goodwill, call 540-292-9338 or visit www.goodwillvalleys.com.

For more information on Rockingham County recycling sites, call 540-564-3008 or visit www.rockinghamcountyva.gov.