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GICV to Hold Open House for New Indiana Mental Health Drop-In Center January 13

JOHNSTOWN, PA, January 6, 2012—Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley (GICV), Inc. will hold an Open House to celebrate the opening of its new Drop-In Center for consumers of mental health services in Indiana County on Friday, January 13 from 11:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M. located at 638 Old Rt. 119 in Indiana.

Through the Mental Health Drop-In Center, GICV will provide a recovery-oriented environment where consumers of Mental Health Services will have the opportunity for community integration, socialization, peer support, empowerment, and self-advocacy.

The Drop-In Center will offer structured, consumer-chosen activities, groups, and projects to assist the membership on their recovery journey under the supervision of an onsite Project Manager and under the direction of Goodwill Industries' Director of Community Integration.

Phyllis J. Bandstra, GICV's President & CEO said, "Operating a Mental Health Drop-In Center is a natural extension of services for Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley. Along with our organization's existing recovery-oriented services of Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Peer Support, and Supported Employment Services, our new Drop-In Center will offer a unique environment for people to achieve community integration." She added, "The relaxed environment, which is different from most mental health facilities, allows people to be themselves, build relationships, engage in peer support, and achieve goals."

All adults 18 years of age and older who receive mental health services in Indiana County are welcome to participate in the Drop-In Center. The public is invited to the Open House to learn more about the mental health services for themselves, family members, or friends. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about the Mental Health Drop-in Center, please contact Janice Aspey, Director of Community Integration at (814) 536-3536, ext. 287 or Andrea Wittman, Project Manager at (724) 465-6510. To learn more about Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley, visit www.gicv.org.

Goodwill Industries® of the Conemaugh Valley (GICV), Inc. is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1962 to empower individuals and families with employment barriers to achieve their fullest potential in the community through work services. Headquartered in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, GICV serves individuals with disabilities and disadvantages, dislocated workers, youth, and other job seekers throughout south central Pennsylvania in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, Indiana, and Somerset counties by providing education and career services as well as job placement and postemployment opportunities. GICV is a community-based member organization of Goodwill Industries International, a 179-member network in the U.S., Canada, and 13 other countries. To learn more, visit GICV's website at www.gicv.org.

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