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TASTE OF VINTAGE PUTS FASHION & FOOD IN THE SPOTLIGHT OVER 300 ATTEND FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

AKRON, Ohio—November 24, 2009— More than 300 fashionistas, foodies, and philanthropists packed the historic Tangier ballroom on November 19 for Goodwill Industries' fourth annual Taste of Vintage benefit to experience the kind of fashion show that only Goodwill can host – all in the spirit of supporting the organization's mission of helping individuals prepare for, find, and retain employment.

"Taste of Vintage 2009 turned out to be even more spectacular than we had hoped," said Valarie Still, Vice President of Employee and Public Relations. "We are honored by the hearty support of attendees, restaurants, models, and volunteers. We saw a great turn-out and good participation in the auction. Goodwill is very grateful for the nearly \$34,000 this year's event raised to support the Elizabeth Clark Fund and Radio Reading Service."

Preceded by silent and live auctions and tastings from some of the area's finest restaurants and caterers, the fashion show featured garments spanning 100 years of history – most were donated pieces from Goodwill's Vintage Collection. With oldies pumping through the speakers, nearly 30 notable women from the Akron area community graced the runway, demonstrating to the audience how trends in fashion go "in" and "out" between decades.

Guests at the event sampled hors d'oeuvres, mini-entrees, and desserts from a variety of restaurants and specialty businesses including: Akron Woman's City Club, Catering by Mark DiFeo (Fairlawn), Great Harvest Bread Co. (Fairlawn), Hattie's Café (Akron), House of Hunan (Fairlawn), Mavis Winkle's (Twinsburg), Mustard Seed Market & Café (Montrose), Pearl Coffee Co. (Akron), Robert J. Events and Catering (Akron), The Tangier (Akron), The University of Akron Dining Services (Akron), and West Point Market (Akron).

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About Goodwill Industries

Goodwill Industries of Akron is a not-for-profit corporation that helps individuals prepare for, find, and retain employment. Operating in the five-county region of Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland, and Richland, the Akron-based agency was established in 1927. It is a private, independent organization, operating as an affiliate member of Goodwill Industries International, and a United Way agency in Summit and Medina Counties. Goodwill helps to directly strengthen the region's workforce through its employment programs and indirectly through the net proceeds from its retail outlets and contract services division. For more information about Goodwill, visit www.goodwillakron.org or call 800-989-8428. ###