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GICV Recruiting to Fill 10 Slots for Paid Youth Training Program that Begins February 6

JOHNSTOWN, PA, January 20, 2012—Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley (GICV), Inc. is actively recruiting youth ages 18–24 to fill 10 openings for its paid training program that begins February 6. Through YouthBuild Johnstown, youth in Cambria and Somerset counties can earn their GEDs, and receive on-the-job-training in a construction trade while earning minimum wage as they build or rehabilitate low-income housing in our region. Participants spend a portion of their time in the classroom and another portion receiving paid on-the-job training in construction.

Interested applicants must call Goodwill Industries by Friday, January 27 to learn if they meet eligibility requirements.

YouthBuild is unique in that it gives participants a chance for a better future who otherwise would not have the opportunity. Eligibility requirements include youth who are low income, have a history with the justice system, are aging out of foster care, have a disability, have an incarcerated parent, and/or are migrant farm workers. Interested applicants will meet with YouthBuild staff to determine qualification.

Since GICV began operating YouthBuild in October 2007, the program has provided participants with more than 25,000 hours of on-the-job training, enabled them to perform nearly 2,000 hours of community service, has facilitated participants' enrollment in community college, and has assisted them in obtaining employment in the construction and service industry.

Because the next class begins February 6, the deadline to call and apply is January 27. Interested applicants and anyone who wants to refer youth to this program should contact Mindy Rickabaugh at (814) 242-1375 or mrickabaugh@goodwilljohnstown.org.

For more information, visit www.gicv.org under Serving Individuals/Youth.

Goodwill Industries® of the Conemaugh Valley, Inc. (GICV) 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 post-employment 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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