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Goodwill of Greater Washington to Close its Flagship Arlington Store to Make Way for New Multi-Purpose Affordable Housing Facility

*Includes Affordable Housing, New Flagship Store,
Improved Donation Process, and Onsite Childcare*

Arlington, VA: On Monday, October 27, in partnership with Affordable Homes & Communities (AHC), Goodwill of Greater Washington's flagship store and donation center at 10 South Glebe Road will temporarily close. Critically needed, service-enriched, affordable housing and a new, world-class retail store and donation center will be built on the existing store's site.

"This is the first Goodwill and affordable housing co-location of its kind in the country, setting a precedent for the power of mission-aligned, local, nonprofit partnerships," said Catherine Meloy, President and CEO of Goodwill of Greater Washington. "Through this initiative, Goodwill aims to tackle major barriers to employment: affordable housing and childcare, while also offering a state-of-the-art donation and shopping experience for our community. While we're sad to tear down the walls of this community landmark, we're excited for the futures it will inspire!"

The redevelopment plans received support from County commissioners, area residents, local nonprofits, and other regional affordable housing organizations in 2024.

"This innovative collaboration with Goodwill of Greater Washington reflects AHC's ongoing commitment to partnering with mission-driven organizations to create housing with holistic services," said Paul Bernard, AHC President & CEO. "We also appreciate the strong community support helping to bring this vision to life."

Project Benefits & Details

- Modernizes and expands Goodwill's retail and processing center to benefit donors, shoppers, and employees.
- Creates approximately 30 new jobs.
- Adds 128 new homes of high quality, service-enriched affordable housing where none existed before.
- Includes 94 family-sized two- and three-bedroom apartments, seven Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) apartments, and homes affordable from 30% to 60% of Area Median Income (AMI).
- Provides many amenities for residents: free Wi-Fi, a community room, fitness center, and onsite property management and resident services.
- Adds an onsite childcare center, with priority for residents and employees.
- Creates the first segment of the new Arlington Blvd. Multi-Use Trail.
- Delivers sustainability through EarthCraft Multifamily Gold certification, plus adds EV and solar-ready infrastructure.

Goodwill and AHC plan to break ground on the new facility this winter, open the renovated retail store by the end of 2027, and welcome new residents to the community in 2028.

Throughout construction, material donors will be redirected to Goodwill donation centers at 5210 Langston Boulevard in Arlington, 2936 Annandale Road in Falls Church, or 7031 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Goodwill shoppers can use the nearby Goodwill store locations at 4714 Columbia Pike in Arlington and 6136 Arlington Boulevard in Falls Church.

About Goodwill of Greater Washington: Goodwill of Greater Washington has been transforming lives and communities through the power of education and employment since 1935. Goodwill operates 23 Washington, D.C., area retail stores, nine government contract sites that employ hundreds of people with disabilities, and two adult charter high schools called The Goodwill Excel Center. Visit www.dcgoodwill.org.

About Affordable Homes & Communities: Affordable Homes & Communities (AHC) is a nonprofit developer that creates and preserves affordable and mixed-income housing in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Since 1975, AHC has developed more than 8,700 apartments in 55 communities, including 25 communities and nearly 3,500 apartments in Arlington. AHC builds opportunities by creating quality homes with holistic resident services. AHC connects residents of all ages with onsite services that help transform lives, provide housing stability, and advance the economic resiliency of entire communities. For more information, visit www.ahcommunities.org.