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## NEWS RELEASE

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### “Good to Go” Computer Systems Now Available at Goodwill Stores

PITTSBURGH, Pa., October 5, 2009 – Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania today announced that complete boxed computer systems ready to plug in and go to work are now available at select stores throughout the region, including Cheswick, Monroeville, Rochester, Bridgeport WV, and the Goodwill Computer Works of South Side. After this initial roll-out period, the premium computer systems will be sold for \$249 at all 25 stores of Goodwill SWPA.

Branded as “Good to Go Computers from Goodwill,” the premium systems are donated items that have been expertly refurbished and packaged by Goodwill program participants. Each system includes a Dell GX270 Computer Tower with Pentium 4 Processor-3Ghz, 512 RAM, 80Gig hard drive, CD burner, a Microsoft XP Professional operating system, 17-inch CRT monitor, mouse, keyboard, power cords, and illustrated set-up instructions.

The systems are covered by a 30-day limited hardware warranty. Goodwill SWPA is a Community Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher (MAR) and technical support for these MAR systems is provided by Goodwill’s computer store, ComputerWorks of South Side, located at 2600 East Carson Street.

“Our Good-to-Go computer systems are a great buy for families, students and anyone who wants to get started with the Internet, e-mail, playing and recording music, playing CD-ROMs or online games, school work and handling large files,” said Bora Caliskan, Director of Operations. “They are assembled by Goodwill clients at our Computer Recycling Center under the supervision of our experienced computer technicians.”

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Goodwill's Computer Recycling Center (CRC) receives thousands of donated computers every year. After their hard drives are wiped clean to Department of Defense standards or physically destroyed, they are either refurbished and sold or they are "de-manufactured" to remove valuable components and precious metals that are sold as salvage materials while non-usable parts are recycled in an environmentally responsible manner.

The CRC also manages two important computer recycling relationships including a partnership with computer giant Dell Inc. and a welfare-to-work employment program that provides computer recycling jobs through a joint venture with the City of Pittsburgh's Pittsburgh Partnership and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services.

"Goodwill offers individuals, organizations and businesses a trustworthy local resource for the safe, easy, free recycling of computers and electronics," Mr. Caliskan said. "As a result, we attract significant quantities of used computers, some of which are refurbished and packaged as the 'Good to Go Computer Systems' now available in our stores."

Mr. Caliskan noted that Goodwill always needs more computer donations. Donated computers and other electronic items can be dropped off at any Goodwill store or attended donation center, completely free of charge. And, Goodwill will pick up large-quantity donations from businesses, schools or other organizations.

For information about computer donations or Goodwill's computer recycling programs, visit [www.goodwillswpa.org](http://www.goodwillswpa.org) or call the Computer Recycling Center at 412-390-2353.

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