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Herkimer ARC & Goodwill Team Up to Open New Retail Store

HERKIMER—Area residents are invited to Grand Opening festivities for the new Goodwill-HARC Store & Donation Center as part of a weekend-long celebration, Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19. The shopping destination is located at 105 Caroline Street (across from McDonald's).

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. and then the doors will open to a new 8,000 square foot retail store. Coffee and muffins will be served in the morning. Weekend events include great shopping opportunities, live radio broadcasts by Big Frog 104 and Lite 98.7, hourly drawings for gift certificates on Thursday and Saturday, and a grand prize drawing on Sunday.

The Herkimer ARC and Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey, Inc. opened their first joint venture retail store in Herkimer in 2008 and have enjoyed great success with proceeds supporting services for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment in the community. This success prompted the move to a larger store in a centralized shopping hub.

Merchandise at the new store includes new and slightly used brand-name items including family apparel, vintage and boutique clothing, shoes, books, housewares, furniture, home electronics, antiques and collectables, sporting goods, toys, furniture, seasonal items, and more. Store hours will be Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Goodwill NYNJ President and CEO Katy Gaul-Stigge said, "We are delighted and honored for this partnership with Herkimer ARC that now spans more than eight years. The synergy of our missions allows us to better serve community residents. Goodwill NYNJ has helped New Yorkers re-use and re-purpose unwanted goods since its founding in 1915. Last year, we help residents divert more than 117 million pounds of usable goods from landfills."

Herkimer ARC President/CEO Kevin Crosley said, "We are so proud and excited to provide area shoppers with a better alternative for retail shopping that includes great values and a unique mix of desirable merchandise. The previous Aubuchon Hardware site has been remodeled from the ground up to make shoppers feel like they are entering a new department store. When people shop at or donate to the store, they are funding education, programs, and training and career services that prepare people to become more independent, to find better jobs, and to build careers."

Goodwill NYNJ is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that offers a broad range of services to support people with disabilities and other barriers to employment to gain self-sufficiency through the dignity of work. The social enterprise operates forty-one retail stores that provide training and employment for our core constituency. For more than 100 years, Goodwill NYNJ has supported its mission through the sale of new and slightly used donated goods. Learn more about Goodwill NYNJ at www.goodwillnynj.org.

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The Herkimer ARC is a partnership of persons who have developmental, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities, and their families, staff, volunteers, and members. Together, they assist people with disabilities, and others in the community, to achieve full potential and to live enriched lives. For more information regarding Herkimer ARC, visit www.herkimerarc.org.

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