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VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA COMING TO NORTHWEST SHOPPING CENTER!

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Hadler Companies, owner and operator of the Northwest Shopping Center, is pleased to announce a new thrift store location with the addition of Volunteers of America opening a new store. The grand opening is planned for early May.

Located at the corner of Henderson and Reed Roads at 1824 West Henderson Road, the new store will join Marc's, The Fresh Market and Sears Hardware in the Northwest Center shopping plaza owned by The Hadler Companies. The nearly 20,000 square-foot locations will be the sixth store operated by Volunteers of America in Columbus and the tenth in Ohio. Store hours will be 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m., Sunday. Thirty new employees will be hired to staff the store.

"Volunteers of America is a great addition to the shopping center's existing retail stores." said George Hadler, CEO of The Hadler Companies. "We've had a great relationship with Volunteers of America as an anchor tenant in our recently renovated Indianola Plaza in Clintonville. They've really upgraded their stores in recent years, and I'm constantly amazed by the bargain prices for clothing and household items, including many high quality items that look brand new and very fashionable. We know from experience that even wealthy people shop there. In today's economy, everyone wants a bargain, and shopping Volunteers of America can save families hundreds of dollars for the same things sold by department stores at substantially higher prices. Children love to shop there and many times prefer something that's gently used."

Aside from a terrific selection of bargain priced merchandise, Volunteers of America is widely respected as a long time leader in the Recycle, Reduce and Reuse movement with their thrift stores. Recycling has become extremely popular as Americans are become more conscious about protecting our environment and preserving our country's natural resources. "The new store at the Northwest Center will be totally remodeled and merchandised in a more upscale fashion than typical thrift stores, according to Don Markelonis, director of retail operations for Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio. "We're very excited to open this store in what will be one of our most visible locations. We have a great relationship with The Hadler Companies and are looking forward to working with them on this project as well."

The Volunteers of America thrift store will depend upon the community to donate gently used clothing and household goods. All the proceeds from each item sold benefits Volunteers of America's programs and services, including homeless shelters and job training programs. Beginning Monday, March 21, residents can make donations at the rear of the store from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., seven days a week. Receipts are available and all donations are tax-deductible.

The Hadler Companies have been serving central Ohio businesses since 1947, and is a family company that owns and manages prime shopping center sites with approximately 2,000,000 square feet of retail space in the

Midwest. They also operate the Hadler Realty Company, Hadler Real Estate Management Company, Transamerica Building Company, Sunlight Cleaners, and Columbus Square Bowling Palace.

Volunteers of America is a national, non-profit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential. Through thousands of human services programs, including housing and healthcare, Volunteers of America helps nearly 2 million people across the country – more than 16,000 in Greater Ohio alone.

For more information on this event, please visit: <http://www.hadlercompanies.com/> or <http://www.voa.org>

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