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**GOODWILL PARTNERS WITH GIRL SCOUTS TO OFFER COOKIES
AT SELECT RETAIL LOCATIONS**

Goodwill shoppers and donors can make one stop to support two local nonprofits

St. Paul, MN – Feb 14, 2017 – Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota (GESM) is partnering with Girl Scouts River Valleys to bring cookies to select retail locations from Feb. 19 through March 12. Locations include 41 stores around the Twin Cities metro and beyond; [contact your local Goodwill store](#) to find out if it's participating in the Girl Scouts partnership.

“Girl Scouts celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and at 98 years old, Goodwill-Easter Seals isn’t far behind,” said Michael Wirth-Davis, GESM President & CEO. “When someone shops at Goodwill, they support programs that eliminate barriers to work and independence. By partnering with Girl Scouts River Valleys to bring cookies to our stores, that same community-minded shopper can support Girl Scout troops and teach girls life skills that will follow them into adulthood.”

This year cookie lovers can purchase Girl Scout S’mores, a new flavor rolled out in honor of Girl Scouts’ 2017 centennial. All the classic flavors will also be available for purchase at select Goodwill locations: Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbreads, Lemonades, Thanks-a-Lots and gluten-free Trios. More than 70% of the money raised during the cookie sale stays with Girl Scouts River Valleys.

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About Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota

Serving Minnesota for nearly 100 years as a leader in employment services, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota provides education, job training and placement services to eliminate barriers to work and independence. Revenue from 45+ retail stores, grants and fees, along with other financial contributions, supports programs throughout Minnesota. Our “donate-shop-reuse-educate-employ” model diverts over 50M pounds from landfills annually and brings us one step closer to a world where everyone experiences the power of work. Visit goodwilleasterseals.org.