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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, Minn — **Feb. 8, 2018** — Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota (GESMN) is partnering with Girl Scouts River Valleys to bring cookies to select retail locations on Saturdays, now through March 18. Locations include 43 stores around the Twin Cities metro and beyond; <u>contact your local Goodwill</u> to find out if it's participating in the Girl Scouts partnership.

"Teaming up with Girl Scouts means together we can do more good for more people," said GESMN President and CEO Michael Wirth-Davis. "When someone shops at Goodwill, they support programs that move four Minnesotans into the workplace every day. By partnering with Girl Scouts River Valleys to bring cookies to our stores, that same community-minded shopper can support Girl Scout troops and build courage, confidence and character in these young leaders."

What: Girl Scout cookie booths at Goodwill

Where: All Goodwill stores listed on gesmn.org minus Alexandria, St. Cloud and Willmar

When: Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., through March 18, 2018

All the classic flavors will be available for purchase at participating Goodwills: Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbreads, Lemonades, Thanks-A-Lots, Girl Scout S'mores and gluten-free Trios. More than 70% of the money raised during the cookie sale stays with Girl Scouts River Valleys, and girls decide as a troop how to spend their proceeds.

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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 (GESMN) provides education, job training and placement services to eliminate barriers to work and independence. Revenue from 50 retail stores — along with grants and fees and other financial contributions — supports programs throughout Minnesota. Our "donate-shop-reuse-educate-employ" model diverts over 60 million pounds from landfills annually and brings us one step closer to a world where everyone experiences the power of work. Visit gesmn.org.