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## Licking/Knox Goodwill to Open the New Goodwill Plaza on Deo Drive in Newark, Ohio

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Timothy J. Young, CEO/President of Licking/Knox Goodwill announced today the purchase of the former Kroger building at 245 Deo Drive in Newark, Ohio. The new facility will be known as Goodwill Plaza.

The New Goodwill Plaza will house several operations for the organization, including relocating the current Goodwill Plaza retail store, the organization's online auction platform (shopgoodwill.com), and a new donation center with a centralized donation processing operation. This expansion will enhance Goodwill's retail offerings and pave the way for new employment opportunities – especially for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Licking/Knox Goodwill's retail operations have continued to grow since the 2011 opening of Goodwill Unlimited in Heath, Ohio. "The current facility on Hopewell Drive is excellent for the organization's recycling operations, but not sufficient for a centralized donation processing center," says Young. "The introduction of centralized processing will enable Goodwill to create more supported employment opportunities for our community and improve pricing consistency across all our retail locations." The addition of the Goodwill Plaza location will initially create 20 new jobs in the community, focusing on individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

This opportunity was made possible through the generosity and support of our community.

For additional information about Licking/Knox Goodwill, please contact Lisa Baker, Vice President of Communications, at (740) 345-9861. Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, CARF Accredited agency, providing training, employment, and support services for individuals with disabilities or other barriers to employment. For further information about services, please call (740) 345-9861 or visit [www.goodwillnewark.com](http://www.goodwillnewark.com).

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