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**Franklin County Commissioners, Goodwill Columbus, Columbus Clippers
Again Team Up for E-Waste Collection Drive on October 12th at Huntington Park**

Following the success of their inaugural event this past spring, the Franklin County Commissioners, Goodwill Columbus, the Columbus Clippers, 10TV and the Columbus Dispatch are again teaming up with to help Central Ohio residents recycle their e-waste on Saturday, October 12th, from 9 a.m. to noon at Huntington Park.

"With technology becoming outdated so quickly, we want to help our residents with opportunities to properly recycle their e-waste," said Commissioner John O'Grady. "Having these collection events at Huntington Park offers an easy to find, centrally located drop-off point and we hope people take advantage of it."

The collection event held on April 20th diverted over eight tons of end-of-life electronics from the landfill.

"Electronic waste is growing exponentially as cell phones, computers and other devices quickly become obsolete," said Commissioner Paula Brooks. "Recycling these electronic items is critical for preserving landfill space and for ensuring that hazardous materials used to make electronics are properly disposed. We are proud to join with our Clippers, the Dispatch, 10TV, and Goodwill to ensure a safe and secure environment for Franklin County children and families"

"Finding ways to refurbish or recycle electronics is the way to go. This partnership, and others, has the added benefit of also putting people to work," said Commissioner Marilyn Brown. "The notion of simply throwing away something once we no longer find it useful has itself become outdated."

"Not only will this event divert electronics from landfills, but the donations will help Goodwill Columbus sustain and create work opportunities for individuals with disabilities and other barriers," said Margie Pizzuti, President and CEO of Goodwill Columbus. "We are thankful to the Franklin County Commissioners for their continuing passion and support for our mission."

"Huntington Park is very proud to again be a part of this endeavor, which not only encourages recycling and helps to protect the environment, but also offers the community the opportunity to help Goodwill Columbus", said Ken Schnacke, President and General Manager of the Columbus Clippers.

Residents can be assured that items collected during this event adhere to Responsible Recycling, or "R2" standards, which guarantee the destruction of sensitive data stored on donated electronic items; the safe handling of materials such as mercury and lead; assurance that donated materials will not end up in landfills; and that recycled materials are handled in a way that is safe to workers.

Accepted items include: computers, monitors, cell phones, electronics and small household appliances. Televisions and large appliances—particularly those containing Freon – will not be accepted. For more information and a complete list of items to be accepted, visit www.franklincountyohio.gov/ewaste. The first 200 vehicles to drop off electronics will receive a bag with coupons from Donatos Pizza.

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