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## Franklin County Commissioners, Goodwill Columbus, Columbus Clippers Team Up for E-Waste Collection Drive on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Huntington Park

Electronic gadgets often retire to extended stays in basements and garages collecting dust, or worse, in local landfills. This year in celebration of Earth Day, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners is joining forces with Goodwill Columbus, the Columbus Clippers, 10TV and the Dispatch to help Central Ohio residents recycle these items on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to noon at Huntington Park.

"In this day and age, our electronics and gadgets so quickly become outdated," said Franklin County Commission President John O'Grady. "We all have a box or drawer full of useless items somewhere in our home. We encourage all Central Ohio residents to take this opportunity to do some spring cleaning and properly recycle their e-waste."

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.

"Having a safe, efficient way to recycle e-waste is a true win for everyone," said Commissioner Paula Brooks. "We save money and conserve our resources by recycling and it's really just good old fashioned American frugality. Goodwill adds another positive benefit of helping our disability community with skill building in this emerging recycling industry."

"In our ever-changing technology driven world, where cell phones and computers become outdated quickly, e-waste has become a real concern for so many of us," said Commissioner Marilyn Brown. "This county-wide e-waste drop-off offers residents a quick and efficient way to safely dispose of their unwanted items and feel good about doing it."

Since August 2012, Franklin County has recycled over 21 tons of e-waste through their partnership with Goodwill Columbus.

"We are delighted to continue our strong partnership with the Franklin County Commissioners and their staff with this e-cycling drive," said Margie Pizzuti, President & CEO of Goodwill Columbus. "Franklin County has been a steadfast and passionate supporter of the work we do to empower individuals with disabilities and other barriers in our community, and these donations will help us sustain and create job opportunities for the clients we serve."

"Huntington Park is very proud to 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.

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 150 vehicles to drop off electronics will receive a bag with coupons from Donatos Pizza and the Columbus Clippers.

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