



## FACT SHEET

### **Reconnect is a no-charge computer recycling program for consumers in Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland and Richland Counties**

- The program is intended to raise awareness of the importance of responsible computer disposal and give residents a free and convenient way to do the right thing with their unwanted computer equipment.
- Reconnect is managed by Dell and Goodwill Industries. The program offers more than 1,000 drop off locations for consumers throughout the United States, including 17 locations in Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland and Richland Counties. The goal of the program is to keep used computers and computer equipment from landfills and to educate residents on the importance of proper computer recycling.

### **Significance of Program to the Region**

- All proceeds of value recovered from the recycled computer equipment go to Goodwill to support job training and employment services programs.
- Consumers can drop-off computer equipment at any participating Goodwill location throughout the region.
- While computers are safe to use, they do contain some environmentally sensitive materials. These materials can be safely removed or recycled, but only if the computers are kept out of landfills in the first place. Reconnect provides an environmentally responsible solution for computer recycling.

### **What Happens to Donated Computer Equipment**

- Goodwill will accept and sort the donated computer equipment. The equipment will be responsibly recycled through Dell's product recycling programs.

### **How to Recycle an Unwanted Computer**

- Consumers can visit [www.reconnectpartnership.com](http://www.reconnectpartnership.com) or [www.goodwillakron.org](http://www.goodwillakron.org) to locate the most convenient drop-off location at any of the 17 participating Goodwill donation centers and retail stores.
- There is no charge for dropping off a computer at Goodwill. Any brand of used computer equipment is accepted.
- Customers are responsible for removing data from their hard drives. Neither Goodwill nor Dell is liable for data removal or protection.
- Customers may be able to deduct the value of the computer for tax purposes. Goodwill will provide donors with a donation receipt at the time of donation. Customers are encouraged to check with their tax advisors for more information.

#### **For additional information:**

**Web sites:** [www.reconnectpartnership.com](http://www.reconnectpartnership.com)  
[www.goodwillakron.org](http://www.goodwillakron.org)

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