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## **E-Waste Collection Drive Diverts 18 tons of Electronics from Landfill**

On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Franklin County Commissioners, Goodwill Columbus, Columbus Clippers and Dispatch Media Group held their third annual Earth Day E-Waste Collection Event at Huntington Park. The three-hour event succeeded in diverting nearly 18 tons of used and obsolete electronics from the landfill, while helping to support and sustain Goodwill's job training programs for individuals with disabilities and other barriers and creating jobs.

"We feel privileged for the partnership between Goodwill Columbus, The Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the Columbus Clippers and 10TV for helping make this year's eWaste drive such a success. This event supports our mission of sustainability and showcases what the collective power of good can accomplish in our community," said Marjory Pizzuti, President and CEO of Goodwill Columbus.

Nearly 420 vehicles dropped off e-waste on Saturday morning, twice as many as the 2014 collection event.

"In today's world where cell phones and computers become outdated quickly, e-waste has become a real concern," said Commissioner Marilyn Brown, President of the Board of Commissioners. "Properly recycling these electronic items is critical for our environment, and this county-wide e-Waste drop-off event and others like it offer residents a quick and efficient way to safely dispose of their unwanted items and feel good about doing it. Every donated item helps Goodwill Columbus create jobs and help those with developmental disabilities and other barriers. Thanks to all the Central Ohio residents that took this opportunity to do some spring cleaning and properly recycle their e-waste while helping their fellow residents obtain new skills and self-confidence."

"We are proud to partner with Franklin County and Goodwill in another very successful e-waste event held at Huntington Park. This is a very successful drive to allow people to recycle those items of waste and gives them a location to safely do so with the assistance of our great partners with Goodwill," said Ken Schnacke, President and General Manager of the Columbus Clippers.

"10TV's partnership with Goodwill Columbus shows the impact we can all have in our community when working towards the same cause. We couldn't be more thrilled to see the results of this year's drive and we are fortunate Goodwill Columbus steps up every year to spearhead this event," said John Cardenas, President and General Manager of WBNS-10TV and Vice President of News for Dispatch Broadcast Group.

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