



Simon Properties and Livable Buckhead to Host Clothing and Shoe Drive During Sales Tax Holiday, July 31 and Aug. 1

July 22, 2015 – ATLANTA – Back-to-school shopping will kick into high gear during Georgia’s sales tax holidays on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, Aug. 1. Shoppers who need to make room in their closets for all those new purchases can bring their old clothing to Lenox Square, where Simon Properties and Livable Buckhead are hosting a clothing and shoe drive. Collection tents will be located on the Peachtree Rd. side of Lenox Square from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on both days.

A wide range of clothing items will be accepted, including clothes, belts, purses, scarves, backpacks, book bags, textiles, T-shirts, socks, shoes, dress shoes, hats, caps, gloves, coats, jackets, suits, uniforms, etc. Clothing is repurposed in places such as Africa and Mexico where access to quality clothing is greatly needed. Unusable items are repurposed into paper or low-grade utility cloths.

“We are very pleased to work with Livable Buckhead by hosting this clothing drive,” said Robin Suggs, general manager for Lenox Square/Simon Properties. “This initiative compliments both of our organizations, with Livable Buckhead furthering its goal of improving Buckhead’s environmental sustainability, and Lenox Square providing shoppers a convenient location to donate as they take advantage of the upcoming sales tax holiday.”

Repurposing clothing creates hundreds of jobs in the U.S. and developing nations, and keeps millions of pounds out of U.S. landfills. Livable Buckhead, a nonprofit organization that works to improve Buckhead’s environmental sustainability and quality of life, is partnering with Charity Recycling Service for reuse and recycling of the donated clothing. Livable Buckhead will receive a portion of the proceeds from the drive.

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About Livable Buckhead

Livable Buckhead, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that strives to ensure the long-term viability and prosperity of the Buckhead community. It does this by working cooperatively with individuals, public entities and private businesses to integrate into everyday life and business sustainable strategies that improve the environment and quality of life in the community. For more information about Livable Buckhead and its programs, visit www.livablebuckhead.org

About Lenox Square

Located in the heart of Buckhead, Lenox Square is an Atlanta landmark. Founded in 1959, Lenox Square is one of the largest shopping malls in the Southeast. Anchored by Bloomingdale’s, Macy’s and Neiman Marcus, shoppers have more than 250 store choices, including exclusive retailers like Diesel, Diane von

Furstenberg, Prada and True Religion. Stores range from designer boutiques such as CH Carolina Herrera and Salvatore Ferragamo to casual staples such as J.Crew and Banana Republic. Five full-service restaurants, an extensive food court named the Lenox Fashion Café and casual dining options including Panera Bread, Corner Bakery Café and Sprinkles Cupcakes make the mall a popular dining and entertainment destination. Each year, Lenox Square celebrates the Legendary 4th of July, the largest fireworks show in the Southeast, and is home to the annual Macy's Tree Lighting, an Atlanta holiday tradition. For a map and store listings, as well as directions, events and job listings, visit simon.com. For additional information, visit Lenox Square on [facebook.com/LenoxSquareMall](https://www.facebook.com/LenoxSquareMall), twitter.com/LenoxSqMall and <http://instagram.com/lenoxsqmal>.

About Charity Recycling Service

Charity Recycling Service (CRS) is a fifteen-year old for-profit textile recycling company which partners with hundreds of local and national corporations, non-profit organizations, educational institutions/school districts, and community organizations through sustainable fund raising. CRS recycles 20,000,000 pounds of clothing annually with the goal of diverting millions of pounds more of used clothing from the landfills. Recycling efforts are growing in America, but are still a fraction of their potential. In Georgia, CRS has been in operation for more than ten years, partners with more than four hundred corporate and non-profit companies, now collecting more than 200,000 pounds monthly – 2.4 million annually. For more information, visit www.charityrecyclingservice.com.