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THRIFTSMART MERGES STORES TO CREATE NASHVILLE SUPER STORE
*Door closing specials in Franklin; donation bins located
throughout Williamson County*

FRANKLIN, Tenn. – July 21, 2008 – ThriftSmart, the country’s first franchised thrift store, is merging its Franklin and Nashville stores to create a new Nashville Super Store. The Franklin store, located at 521 Alexander Plaza, is featuring a “Moving Sale” for three days leading up to the store closing on July 26.

In the Franklin store only, a 50 percent off everything sale is July 24 and 25, and on Sat., July 26, all merchandise will be only \$0.99. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This store merger will enable ThriftSmart to lower operating costs and increase profits for the charities it supports. By combining all of the donated merchandise into one Super Store, ThriftSmart seeks to create a shopping experience that will continue to draw customers from throughout Middle Tennessee.

ThriftSmart is also launching a Donation Bin program. Donation bins have been placed in convenient spots around the community. Visit www.gothriftingnashville.com for a complete list of drop off locations. As always, donors can donate their gently-used items at our store or by calling 615.833.8200 to schedule a pick up. All donations are tax-deductible subject to IRS regulations.

ThriftSmart’s Nashville Super Store will celebrate with a re-grand opening of its 30,000 square-foot facility on Aug. 2.

All profits from sales at ThriftSmart benefit its locally based charities: New Hope Academy, Mercy Children's Clinic, African Leadership and The Belize Project.

New Hope Academy is a Christ-centered community school with an economically, racially and culturally diverse student body. The school serves Pre-K through sixth grade students at its 33,000 square foot facility in Franklin that includes 16 classrooms, a library, art and music room and a computer lab. Recognized by President Bush as a model for faith-based education, the school serves as a resource for schools across the country that want to achieve diversity and care for the poor. To learn more, visit: www.nhafranklin.org

Mercy Children's Clinic is a Franklin-based non-profit organization providing primary pediatric healthcare to children from all socio-economic backgrounds including children without health insurance or enrolled in TennCare. Since 1999, more than 7,500 children from 24 Middle Tennessee counties have called Mercy Children's Clinic their medical home. Visit www.mercychildrensclinic.org to learn more.

African Leadership is a Christian education organization that trains church leaders and funds development projects in African countries. Based in Franklin, its areas of emphasis include: Bible training centers serving more than 5,000 students in 30 African countries; vocational training; Christian schools and famine relief; HIV/AIDS education and treatment; and providing resources to the more than 4,000 African refugees living in the Nashville area. To learn more, visit: www.africanleadership.org.

The Belize Project is a ministry that focuses on transformational development in Belize and Central America. Walking alongside the nationals, the organization encourages and assists in developing the new country through medical and educational missions, economic development and the construction of churches. Visit www.thebelizeproject.org to learn more.

About ThriftSmart

ThriftSmart, America's first franchised thrift store, was founded in 2004 to create jobs, provide affordable shopping and to support Williamson County, Tenn.-based ministries

with profits. Founding charities include New Hope Academy, Mercy Children's Clinic, African Leadership and The Belize Project. Items offered include clothing, shoes, books, furniture, electronics and housewares. For additional information, visit www.thriftsmart.com or call 615.833.8200.

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