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**HSP Selling Green Street Location
New Opportunities for Opportunity Works and HSP Clients**

Westminster, MD – As part of its continued efforts to provide efficient operations and effective resources to the Carroll County community, Human Services Programs of Carroll County (HSP) has announced that it will be closing its Green Street location, including its Second Chances store, effective June 30.

Second Chances, HSP's no-cost store, was once a key location for donating and distributing goods. Since COVID, visitation has declined by more than 80%, and HSP will be creating a new donation center at its Stoner Avenue location. Second Chances will collect donations until May 15th at the Green Street location, with the store officially closing on June 30.

"We continue to welcome donations from our generous community and continue to fulfill this important part of our mission – giving to those most in need in our programs," said Scott Yard, Executive Director. Visit hspinc.com/ways-to-give for more details.

Opportunity Works (OW) operated the Second Chances store as a hands-on training opportunity for individuals seeking skills for employment. The OW staff is excited about the change, who will now have more time to provide personalized teaching and job exploration activities. OW staff will now be located at the HSP offices at Distillery Avenue.

The co-location of resources will provide an even more holistic approach to helping our community. "You can't end poverty with just one program," said Scott Yard.

OW will work in partnership with the Carroll County Workforce Development Center to provide employment readiness training. "Community partners play a key role in Carroll County's comprehensive workforce development plan," stated Heather Powell, Carroll County Workforce Development's Manager. "The Carroll County Workforce Board and Carroll County Workforce Development (CCWD) recognize the valuable work of HSP's Opportunity Works program in supporting work readiness for participants with significant barriers to employment. Programs like OW assist participants with finding and maintaining entry-level jobs. CCWD provides skills-building and occupational training which in turn leads to self-sustaining careers. We look forward to our continued work with OW."

The proceeds of the Green Street property will support HSP's operations and ongoing support of the Carroll County community.

For more information, contact Scott Yard, Executive Director.

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Human Services Programs of Carroll County gives hope, inspires change, and provides opportunity by mobilizing the community in the fight against poverty. HSP has served as Carroll County's Community Action Agency for more than 30 years. For more information, visit www.HSPInc.org.