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VERIZON WIRELESS OPENS NEW STORE IN SUFFOLK

Verizon Wireless, the owner and operator of the nation's largest and most reliable wireless network, is opening a new store in Suffolk, located at 5897 Harbour View Blvd., in the Harbour View Shoppes.

The grand opening also officially kicks off the company's HopeLine phone recycling program in Suffolk. Verizon Wireless stores nationwide participate in the HopeLine program, which collects no-longer-used wireless phones (all models, from all wireless carriers) and accessories to be refurbished, recycled and/or sold. Proceeds benefit victims of domestic violence through grants and the donation of wireless phones and service. Since HopeLine's recycling program was launched nationwide in 2001, Verizon Wireless has awarded more than \$6.3 million in cash grants to domestic violence agencies and organizations and distributed more than 76,000 phones with more than 228 million minutes of free wireless service to be used by victims of domestic violence.

Phones collected at the new Suffolk store will benefit the local Genieve Shelter. To help jumpstart phone donations to HopeLine and encourage community participation, Verizon Wireless is making an initial grant in the amount of \$1,000. "The HopeLine program has been fueled by the generosity of countless Virginians," said Store Manager Sean Conant. "We know the Suffolk community will rise to the challenge and support a program that makes a significant difference in the lives of domestic violence victims."

“It is very gratifying to hear when one of our local businesses reaches out into the community to aid it in such a way,” said Mayor Linda T. Johnson. “Suffolk is happy to welcome Verizon Wireless as the newest tenant in the Harbour View area. This corridor continues to thrive with new big name businesses that will help to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.”

To celebrate this new store, Verizon is holding a Grand Opening Ceremony on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. As part of its grand opening activities, Verizon Wireless is giving away two pairs of tickets to the June 25th Kenny Chesney concert at the Verizon Wireless Virginia Beach Amphitheater. Entry forms for the ticket drawing will be available at the store from Thursday, June 11 through Sunday, June 14. The new store will be open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The store phone number is 757.483.1064

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