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**OLDEST THRIFT STORE IN NAPLES TO RECEIVE PROCLAMATION
& EXTEND HONOR WITH 30% OFF ENTIRE STORE**

NAPLES, FL (April 23, 2010) – Mayor Bill Barnett will officially honor the Bargain Box Thrift Store on WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010 with a proclamation declaring the day “**BARGAIN BOX THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DAY**”. The esteemed recognition will take place at 8:30am in the City of Naples Council Chambers. The public is invited. The proclamation also recognizes the mission thrift store’s volunteers and their deep commitment and years of continuous and praiseworthy service to their community. Doty Gridley, Bargain Box Volunteer Coordinator, will accept the honor from the Mayor.

As a thank you to all its community supporters, the Bargain Box is reducing its entire stock by 30 percent on Wednesday, May 5th to all shoppers between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Located in the heart of downtown Naples, the Bargain Box thrift store is the longest operating community thrift store in Collier County. The store was established in 1975 by women leaders in the community including members of the Naples Women’s Club and Women’s Fellowship at Naples United Church of Christ. Merchandise at the Bargain Box is obtained through 100 percent community donations, and all revenue generated from sales goes back into the community. Over 100 volunteers from Naples United Church of Christ assist in store operations. The Bargain Box is open year round and includes several departments such as housewares, jewelry, electronics, linens, books, and men’s and women’s clothing. The store added a women’s boutique in the summer of 2009. The Bargain Box is located at 331 Eighth Street South, (239) 262-3802.

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