April 20, 2011- As the academic year comes to a close and U.Va. students prepare to move out, they will once again have the opportunity to donate usable furniture and household items to area families through the 2011 Sofa Shuffle.

Donations will benefit The Salvation Army Thrift Store. On May 14 and May 23, charity representatives will staff the collection trucks and assist with deliveries at six locations:

MadHouse @ 780 Madison Ave.
516 Brandon Ave.
1213 Wertland St.
Crossroads Apts (JPA at Fontaine)
Grand Marc on 15th St.
303 14th St., N.W. (St. Edwards Ct.)

Now in its fifth year, the Sofa Shuffle has made move-out activities easier for many departing students and diverted tons of unwanted furniture and household items from area dumpsters and landfills.

“This is a truly worthwhile effort that embodies the University’s sense of community and giving in a sustainable way. Everyone who participates, whether it be the students, the charities, or the host locations, benefits in some way,” said Alejandra Montaño Williamson, Community Relations intern.

The Sofa Shuffle is sponsored by U.Va.’s Community Relations Office, the Office of Off-Grounds Housing, the Blue Ridge Apartment Council, and The Salvation Army.

The Sofa Shuffle complements Chuck it for Charity, an annual on-Grounds recycling effort through which students in residence halls can donate their unneeded household items to local charities.

For more information and for additional dates and locations, please visit www.virginia.edu/communityrelations/sofashuffle.html or contact U.Va. Community Relations at 434-924-1321.