

VALUE CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. REPORTS OCTOBER SALES

Columbus, Ohio --/ November 8/PR Newswire/-- Value City Department Stores, Inc. (NYSE:VCD) announced today total sales for the four weeks ended November 3, 2001, increased 7.4% to \$182.7 million from \$170.1 million for the four weeks ended October 28, 2000. The company's same store sales increased 3.0% for the four weeks ended November 3, 2001.

Sales for the 39 weeks ended November 3, 2001, increased 6.5% to \$1.651 billion from \$1.550 billion for the 39 weeks ended October 28, 2000. The company's same store sales decreased 3.0% for the 39 weeks ended November 3, 2001.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	4 Weeks Ended (\$ in thousands)			
	<u>November 3, 2001</u>		<u>October 28, 2000</u>	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$ 110,919	60.7	\$ 108,058	63
DSW Shoe Warehouse	46,005	25.2	38,660	22
Filene's Basement	25,764	14.1	23,389	13
	<u>\$ 182,688</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$ 170,107</u>	<u>100</u>
Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		4.8 %		(15.0)
DSW Shoe Warehouse		(3.0)%		16.8
Filene's Basement		<u>3.0 %</u>		<u>n/a</u>
		<u>3.0 %</u>		<u>(9.8)</u>
	39 Weeks Ended (\$ in thousands)			
	<u>November 3, 2001</u>		<u>October 28, 2000</u>	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$ 1,052,039	63.7	\$ 1,086,432	70
DSW Shoe Warehouse	388,885	23.6	300,998	19
Filene's Basement	210,070	12.7	162,689	10
	<u>\$ 1,650,994</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$ 1,550,119</u>	<u>100</u>
Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(4.6)%		(2.1)
DSW Shoe Warehouse		0.4 %		21.7
Filene's Basement		<u>2.3 % *</u>		<u>n/a</u>
		<u>(3.0)%</u>		<u>1.5</u>

* Excludes sales from February and March 2001

Value City Department Stores, Inc. is a leading off-price retailer currently operating 118 full-line department stores in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and southeastern U.S., 20 Filene's Basement Stores and 100 better-branded DSW Shoe Warehouse Stores in major metropolitan areas

throughout the country.

SOURCE: Value City Department Stores, Inc.

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