

VALUE CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. REPORTS APRIL SALES

Columbus, Ohio --/ May. 10/PR Newswire/-- Value City Department Stores, Inc. (NYSE:VCD) Announced today total sales for the four weeks ended May 5, 2001, increased 6.0% to \$183.2 million from \$172.8 million for the four weeks ended April 29, 2000. The company's same store sales decreased 0.4% for the four weeks ended May 5, 2001.

Sales for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2001, increased 14.8% to \$530.2 million from \$462.1 million for the thirteen weeks ended April 29, 2000. The company's same store sales decreased 3.9% for the thirteen weeks ended May 5, 2001.

Retail sales statistics are as follows:

	Four Weeks Ended (\$ in thousands)			
	May 5, 2001		April 29, 2000	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$ 114,798	62.7	\$ 123,677	71.6
DSW Shoe Warehouse	46,114	25.2	32,439	18.8
Filene's Basement	22,305	12.1	16,662	9.6
	<u>\$ 183,217</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$ 172,778</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(5.3)%		8.2%
DSW Shoe Warehouse		7.6 %		27.6%
Filene's Basement		18.9% *		n/a
		<u>(0.4)%</u>		<u>11.3%</u>
	Thirteen Weeks Ended (\$ in thousands)			
	May 5, 2001		April 29, 2000	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total Sales				
Value City Department Stores	\$ 344,873	65.0	\$ 347,807	75.3
DSW Shoe Warehouse	121,847	23.0	88,387	19.1
Filene's Basement	63,474	12.0	25,859	5.6
	<u>\$ 530,194</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$ 462,053</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Comparable Sales Percentage				
Value City Department Stores		(6.5)%		3.9%
DSW Shoe Warehouse		2.4 %		20.4%
Filene's Basement		18.9% *		n/a
		<u>(3.9)%</u>		<u>6.5%</u>

* Excludes sales from February and March 2001

Value City Department Stores, Inc. is a leading off-price retailer currently operating 119 full-line department stores in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and southeastern U.S., 19 Filene's Basement Stores and 84 better-branded DSW Shoe Warehouse Stores in major metropolitan areas throughout the country.

SOURCE: Value City Department Stores, Inc.

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