



Linwood store to be dedicated to Ed Shilling

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The **Linwood Center**, a nonprofit organization providing programs and services for children and adults with autism for more than 50 years, is dedicating its local Elkridge store, **Good Deals, Great Stuff**, to the late **Edgar G. Shilling Sr.**

Representatives at the store said, "Our store, located in Elkridge, has been a dream come true. We have for many years searched for jobs for our most challenging individuals. At Good Deals Great Stuff, there is an abundance of work. The key to successfully employing people with disabilities is identifying and building on their strengths and then providing them the support they need to learn the necessary skills to get the job done."

The dedication ceremony and event is planned for Sept. 27, 11 a.m., at the store at 6520 Old Waterloo Road, in Elkridge. The day of celebration includes refreshment, the dedication ceremony from elected officials and family members at noon and entertainment should start at 12:30 p.m.

This dedication to Edgar G. Shilling Sr. is a community event, and everyone is invited to attend.

Ed Shilling was a beloved husband, father, retired Chief Deputy of the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services and a Veteran of the US Navy, along with a devoted Board of Directors member at the Linwood Center. He was a community leader, volunteer, mentor and also friend to countless in the fire service and beyond.

County Executive **Kenneth Ulman** will be unveiling the bronze plaque depicting the store dedication to Edgar Shilling as family, Linwood friends and neighbors will gather around.

The list is continually expanding, however these community members and officials currently plan to attend: **Ray Wachs, Lonnie Robbins**, state Dels. **Steven J. DeBoy, James E. Malone, Elizabeth Bobo, Shane Pendergrass and Guy Guzzone**, Howard County Council President **Courtney Watson**, council member **Calvin Ball**.

For more details and questions about the dedication, e-mail admin@LinwoodCenter.org.