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Goodwill Serving the People of Southern of Los Angeles County

CELEBRATES ANNUAL GOODWILL INDUSTRIES® WEEK

Goodwill® Helps People Advance Careers and Build Meaningful Lives

May 2, 2019 — Every year during the first full week of May, Goodwill organizations across the United States and Canada celebrate Goodwill Industries Week to highlight the defining principle of our mission — transforming lives through the power of work.

This year, Goodwill Industries Week runs May 5-11. Throughout the week, local Goodwill organizations will host special events like job fairs, tours of career centers, store sales, receptions, awards ceremonies, influencer events, and other donor and customer appreciation events.

Goodwill Serving the People of Southern of Los Angeles County (Goodwill SOLAC) will celebrate by kicking off the week with a General Assembly for all staff; a job fair for the community on Tuesday, a health fair for all on campus on Wednesday, followed by Technology Thursday; culminating to a Staff Appreciation Tailgate lunch on Friday. Additionally throughout the week there will be fun festivities at all stores, celebrating shoppers and donors.

“Goodwill Industries Week is a time to tell the stories of people we have impacted in the community,” said Janet McCarthy President & CEO of Goodwill SOLAC. “It’s people like James, who took a leap of faith when encouraged by Goodwill staff to remain motivated and determined to gain employment”.

Throughout the duration of James’ training, he stayed diligent regardless of the economic and personal barriers he faced daily, and soon became an inspiration to his classmates. He graduated from the LP Program in October 2014. James was first employed by Elite Security, and after a period of time laid off. He was devastated. James maintained his connection with Goodwill, and was placed again into employment at Peterson Automotive Museum in 2016 as a Security Officer/Dispatcher. He was promoted to Collections, and now holds the position as their Detailer Specialist. With Hope as his guiding light, resources and support from Goodwill, James now enjoys economic self-sufficiency.

“Eighty-seven cents of every dollar spent at Goodwill SOLAC stores, allows us to provide meaningful outcomes for people like James. We don’t simply train people, and get them a job. We change lives by assisting people on their path to self-sufficiency over the course of 5 years.

Visit www.thinkgood.org to find the nearest Goodwill location, job fair or event, and learn how you can build a better future for someone in your community.