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Eco-Friendly Shoppers Head to Goodwill® for Halloween

Long Beach, CA—September 27, 2017—Goodwill is the Halloween destination for people who want to be fashionable and environmentally conscious while styling themselves in one-of-a-kind costumes that are sure to impress.

Starting September 29, Costume Corners will open at Goodwill's retail stores throughout Southern Los Angeles County. At the Costume Corners, you can choose from a wide selection of clothing, shoes and accessories to create one-of-a-kind costumes. Look books full of creative costume ideas will be available, and Costume Creators will be on hand to help you put together the perfect Halloween costume. What's more, free pumpkin candy buckets will be given to customers with a purchase until supplies last.

Goodwill also carries Halloween décor items, such as pumpkins, scarecrows and skeletons as well as other textiles that can be used to turn shrubs into garden ghosts or other fun decorations. To see a list of Goodwill retail stores in Southern Los Angeles County, visit: www.ThinkGood.org/Stores/

Each year, people visit Goodwill's 18 retail stores in Southern Los Angeles County to find clothing, shoes and accessories they need to create unique Halloween costumes. Shoppers can choose from affordable options and know that they are helping create employment placement programs and job training opportunities for people in their community. Supporting Goodwill also promotes a sustainable lifestyle and helps shoppers live a more environmentally friendly life, and it extends the life of usable items by keeping them out of landfills.

Clothing and accessories found at Goodwill can be reused to create unique costumes. Shoppers are only limited by the extent of their imagination. For example, a white button-down shirt bought from Goodwill can become a pirate costume or a black dress can become a witch costume.

"Thanks to our donors and shoppers, Goodwill was able to keep 14 million pounds of donated goods and textiles out of landfills last year," said Janet McCarthy, President and CEO of Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC). "Goodwill supports the reduce, reuse and repurpose approach to celebrating Halloween."

The purchases made at Goodwill stores change people's lives by training them in a variety of career fields. Goodwill provides services to anyone facing challenges to finding employment, including veterans and military families, youth and young adults, older workers, people with disabilities and disadvantages, and those who need education or work experience.

"Shopping at Goodwill for Halloween and living a sustainable lifestyle go hand in hand," said McCarthy. "Your one-of-a-kind Goodwill Halloween costume can help someone earn the skills they need to get a new job or advance in their career. Shopping at Goodwill is great for people and the planet."

Goodwill SOLAC is a nonprofit organization that transforms donated goods into job training, education and placement services for individuals with barriers to employment. Goodwill SOLAC serves 22 cities and communities throughout Southern Los Angeles County. Goodwill SOLAC's main facility—located at 800 W. Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach—houses its administrative offices, training programs, processing operations, transportation fleet, LiNKs Sign Language & Interpreting Services, a retail store and its e-commerce operations. For learn more about the Goodwill career services or to find your nearest Goodwill store or donation center, visit www.ThinkGood.org.