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Create One-of-a-Kind Halloween Costumes for Less at Goodwill® *Find Unique Halloween Costumes and Help People Find Jobs by Shopping at Goodwill*®

Long Beach, CA—September 12, 2018—Look no further than your nearest Goodwill[®] store to find the unique Halloween costume guaranteed to impress your friends and family. Each year, millions of people come to Goodwill to find the pieces they need to create amazing Halloween costumes for less. Whether you are looking for the perfect white shirt to complete a pirate or vampire costume or a vintage ball gown to become a zombie princess or prom queen, Goodwill has the clothing, shoes and accessories you need for Halloween.

"Whether you have a costume in mind or you have no idea what to be for Halloween, Goodwill has you covered. Browse the aisles of clothing and unleash your creativity with accessories from Goodwill to complete your unique look," said Janet McCarthy, President and CEO of Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC). "Shopping at Goodwill is fun and helps the community. Your Goodwill purchase helps us fund and grow our State Certified Nurse Assistant Training Program, Loss Prevention Training Program, and direct job placement programs for individuals with barriers to employment."

Costume Corners will open at Goodwill SOLAC's retail stores throughout Southern Los Angeles County, officially on September 22, 2018. 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.

You'll be amazed at how good you'll look and the money you'll save. Each day, people donate clothes and other items that can be transformed into unique Halloween costumes, including clothing and accessories from different eras, imaginative props and more. You can find great costumes for your squad or family while staying within budget.

"More than 7,000 people accessed our job programs last year," said McCarthy. "Shoppers can purchase a unique Halloween look for less and take pride in the positive impact of their Goodwill store purchase."

When you shop at or donate to Goodwill, you help fund job placement and training programs and other services that help people find jobs, earn paychecks, care for their families and move from poverty to self-sufficiency.

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 <u>www.ThinkGood.org</u>.