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CHAIR GOODWILL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Larry DeJarnett Brings 50 Years of Business Leadership and Volunteerism to Goodwill Board**

ROCKVILLE, MD — The Goodwill Industries International Board of Directors has elected as its chairman Larry DeJarnett, retired Officer/Partner of management consultancy A.T. Kearney, Inc., and founder and managing director of The LAMAR Group. DeJarnett took office during Goodwill's annual meeting of executives and board leaders held recently in Omaha, NE. He has more than 50 years of corporate management development and consulting experience and will serve a one-year term.

DeJarnett joined the Board of Directors of Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay (CA) (now Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County) in January 2000. Since 2011, he has served on or chaired several committees of the Goodwill Industries International Board, including public policy, audit and strategic planning. DeJarnett was elected vice chair of the Goodwill Industries International Board in 2015.

"DeJarnett's extensive professional background is coupled with a lifelong devotion to volunteerism," said Jim Gibbons, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries International. "His long career in business and management will be instrumental to achieving our goals in the coming year."

DeJarnett began his professional career at the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI, where he spent 15 years working his way through management roles in information technology, finance and logistics. He spent the next 35 years as a pioneering force in information technology and business restructuring at firms such as diversified manufacturing conglomerate Lear Siegler, specialty turnaround firm, The JIA Management Group, and private general management consultancy, A.T. Kearney. He currently serves as the managing director of The LAMAR Group, which provides personal/board advisory services to both for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

A highly engaged community leader, DeJarnett has been active in local, regional and national boards of directors and advisory boards, including the United Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal denominations, The Association of Governing Boards, the Conference Board, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont School of Technology, Southern Illinois University, UCLA, the University of LaVerne, and the University of Southern California.

DeJarnett obtained both his bachelor's and master's degrees at Southern Illinois University, where he helped establish the university's first systems and computer services organization and taught management and technology courses as a member of the College of Business faculty. The university recognized him with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

A longtime resident of Palos Verdes, CA, DeJarnett now resides with his wife in Palm Desert, CA.

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ABOUT GOODWILL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL:

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 164 autonomous, community-based organizations in the United States and Canada with a presence in 13 other countries. Goodwill is the #1 brand doing the most good in the world (Brand World Value Index, 2015) and is one of America's top 20 most inspiring companies (*Forbes*, 2014). Goodwill organizations are innovative and sustainable social enterprises that fund job training programs, employment placement services and other community-based programs by selling donated clothing and household items in more than 3,100 stores and online at shopgoodwill.com. Local Goodwill organizations also build revenue and create jobs by contracting with businesses and government to provide a wide range of commercial services, including packaging and assembly, food services preparation, and document imaging and shredding. Last year, Goodwill placed 312,000 people in employment in the United States and Canada. In addition, more than 35 million people used computers and mobile devices to access Goodwill education, training, mentoring and online learning services to strengthen their skills. To learn more, visit Goodwill.org.

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