



Supporting Employment in the Community “Starts with You” *Goodwill Offers Many Ways to Celebrate the Season of Giving*

Who: Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

What: As the holiday season approaches, Goodwill Industries of Central Texas is offering the community several family-friendly ways to embrace the season of giving while supporting employment in the community.

“Being unemployed during the holiday season is tough, and at Goodwill we help support people with disabilities and other barriers to employment find, get and keep a job in our community,” said Jerry Davis, President and CEO of Goodwill. “The generosity and support that the Central Texas community has given us has allowed us to improve the dignity of life for individuals through the power of work for more than 50 years, and we are eternally grateful.”

One of the most rewarding ways to make a direct impact is by volunteering. Goodwill’s GoodGuides™ Program, funded by a grant from the Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is in need of adult volunteers to serve as mentors to at-risk youth. Just four hours of a volunteer’s time can change the life of a youth ages 12 to 17.

The easiest way to support Goodwill this holiday season is by making an end of year contribution online. Donations are tax deductible and they make a great gift when donations are made in someone’s name. Monetary donations to Goodwill make a direct impact on the organization’s ability to provide job services to unemployed Central Texans in the community.

After the holidays have ended, a valuable way to continue to encourage charitable giving in children is by saving large holiday boxes and filling them with gently-used toys, clothing, electronics and more and taking them to Goodwill. There are more than 40 stores and attended donation locations throughout Central Texas that offer friendly staff to help with unloading and tax-deductible receipts. It’s a fun way to make more room for new gifts and encourage the importance of giving back to the community throughout the year.

For more information on ways to support employment in Central Texas, including success stories from Goodwill’s clients, visit www.austingoodwill.org.

About Goodwill: Goodwill Industries of Central Texas is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the mission of providing job-related services for people with barriers to employment. Revenue generated through the sale of donated goods is used to fund job training and employment programs for Central Texans. For more information about Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, visit www.austingoodwill.org.

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