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GOODWILL TO HOST ALL INCLUSIVE JOB RESOURCE EVENT

Career Expo Offers Central Texans Access to Local Employers and Educators

AUSTIN, TEXAS – The Austin Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities (AMCPD), Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), Workforce Solutions – Capital Area and Goodwill Industries of Central Texas will host the Thirteenth Annual Community Career Expo on June 23 from 9 AM – 3 PM at the Goodwill Community Center on 1015 Norwood Park Blvd. This event is free and open to the public. Community leaders will usher in the career fair with a ribbon cutting ceremony with community representatives at 8:45 AM.

Both large and small employers will be on-site offering diverse opportunities from entry level to professional positions in industries including retail, customer service, insurance, health care, and many more. This year Goodwill has also partnered with local colleges to offer training and in-person career counseling, including transcript reviews and continuing education program information. Representatives from St. Edward’s University, Texas State University, and Austin Community College, among others, will participate. Last year’s event brought more than 2,200 job seekers to the Goodwill Community Center, and this year even more job seekers are expected to attend.



“Goodwill is delighted to continue this partnership with the Austin Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities (AMCPD) and Workforce Solutions – Capital Area to help connect individuals with job resources and help Central Texans make connections with potential employers at a time when the community needs it the most,” said Jerry Davis, President and CEO of Goodwill. “This event supports employment in the community and helps Goodwill to take further strides toward its mission of providing employment programs and services to people with barriers to employment.”

On the day prior to the event, Goodwill employment specialists will be conducting classes designed to build job search skills, such as networking, image consulting and interviewing skills. Spanish translators, sign language interpreters, sighted guides will be available during the event. The Goodwill technology center for on-site applications will be available for both days as well.

The Career Expo is an enormous opportunity for employers seeking positions from professional and labor-oriented fields in one location. This event offers competent candidates and facilitates in the job matching process, allowing employers to conduct on-the-spot interviews and discussions.

“This is the ninth year we’ve supported the Career Expo with sighted guides, sign language interpreters and Spanish translators,” said John Weeks, DARS Area Manager for the South Austin Field Office. “DARS is committed to providing opportunities for eligible persons with significant disabilities to access services that will lead to their successful employment and personal independence. Goodwill’s partnership with us in this area continues to encourage us.”

The Career Expo builds partnerships with local businesses and provides one convenient location to match potential employees, while educating employers about providing career opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. Interested attendees can call the Career Expo hotline at 512.637.7571 or visit www.austingoodwill.org for more information and to pre-register.



About Goodwill Industries of Central Texas:

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 is used to fund job training and employment programs for Central Texans. For more information about Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, go to austingoodwill.org.

About Workforce Solutions – Capital Area:

Workforce Solutions - Capital Area Workforce Board is private, publicly-funded non-profit organization. Through the fostering of partnerships and collaborations, researching and sharing of labor market and economic information, identifying workforce needs of employers and residents, and consulting and advising on public policy, Workforce Solutions helps to connect and align the efforts of the regional workforce system. Together we are enabling people and businesses to be competitive in a global market. For more information about Workforce Solutions – Capital Area, go to wfscapitalarea.com.

About Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS):

The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, or DARS, administers programs that ensure Texas is a state where people with disabilities, and children who have developmental delays, enjoy the same opportunities as other Texans to live independent and productive lives. For more information about DARS or to locate services, go to dars.state.tx.us.

About the Austin Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities (AMCPD):

The Austin Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities, or AMCPD, was established with the purpose to encourage, assist and enable persons with disabilities to participate in the social and economic life of the City of Austin and achieve maximum personal independence; to become gainfully employed; and to enjoy fully and use all public and private facilities available within the community. To learn more about AMCPD or to get involved, visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/ada/amcpd.htm>.

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