



## AUSTIN GOODWILL RECEIVES REAL ESTATE AWARD

### AUSTIN BUSINESS JOURNAL AWARDS GOODWILL FOR ITS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

**Who:** Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

**What:** Austin Goodwill accepted an award during last week's Austin Business Journal 2011 Best Real Estate Awards for its Goodwill Resource Center, located at 6505 Burleson in Southeast Austin. The property, which won best overall industrial lease new development project, offers the community a new place to shop and have access to Goodwill's mission services, which help Central Texans find, obtain and retain jobs.



*Goodwill Resource Center, located at 6505 Burleson Rd, in Southeast Austin.*

"Our Goodwill Resource Center was designed with our community in mind, and this larger facility will help us meet and surpass our employment, financial and environmental goals," said Jerry Davis, President and CEO of Goodwill. "We are delighted to have received this award, which reflects our vision to lease this large property."

The new center is 124,200 square feet and is the largest commercial lease signed in Austin in 2010. It houses its Goodwill Outlet Store, warehouse, recycling center, a Goodwill Job Help Center, and offices for its work programs for people with disabilities and at-risk youth. This facility has allowed Goodwill to consolidate its outlet and warehouse locations in order to improve operational efficiencies, increase recycling efforts, and cut down on expenses for goods transportation. The funds saved through consolidation will help the organization as it raises funds for its mission of providing employment programs and services to unemployed and underemployed Central Texans.

The property was opened for business in December 2010, and a community grand opening is scheduled this summer.

**Property Acquisition:** Aquila Commercial, Primary Tenant Broker; CBRE, Burt Watts Industries, Primary General Contractor; Carson Design, Primary Architect; George R. Somerville, II, Esq., Primary Attorney

**Where:** Goodwill Resource Center, 6505 Burleson Road, Austin, Texas

**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](http://www.austingoodwill.org).

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