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Goodwill welcomes public officials for newest store, Career Center opening in Goodyear

Goodwill of Central Arizona

Overview

Provides job skills training and career services for those with vocational disadvantages—including physical and emotional barriers, welfare dependency, illiteracy and homelessness

One of 184 independently operating Goodwill organizations worldwide

Serves Maricopa, Yuma, La Paz, Gila and portions of Pinal and Yavapai Counties

Positively impacts the community and individual lives by helping those with disadvantages obtain self-sufficiency and economic independence

2007 Highlights

Almost 11,000 youth and adults benefited from career and training services

4,600 employment opportunities were secured

\$60 million in total revenue

39 retail stores operating throughout central Arizona

850,000 donors

PHOENIX (October 8, 2008) — Goodwill of Central Arizona's newest store, donation center and Career Center is scheduled to open on October 24 in Goodyear.

The nonprofit will welcome public officials, including the mayor of Goodyear, to the grand opening to participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The store and donation center will mark Goodwill's 40th retail location within central Arizona. The store, which is Goodwill's first in Goodyear, will feature a sales floor of 26,178 square feet. Valley residents are welcome to stop by, shop and enter to win prizes, as well as find great bargains and unique treasures. Prizes include a flat-screen television and Goodwill gift certificates. Individuals who donate items during the grand opening will receive a \$5 gift certificate good toward their next purchase at any Goodwill location.

Regular store hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tax-deductible donations will be accepted during regular store hours.

Goodwill's Career Center marks the 10th in central Arizona. The Career Center offers a modern, professional job seeking environment complete with free computer and Internet access, fax machines, phones and employment assistance. Goodwill staff members are available to help individuals prepare for and find employment, including help with resumes. In 2007, Goodwill of Central Arizona's Career Centers generated 2,041 job placements and assisted 9,349 individuals.

Regular Career Center hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WHAT: Goodwill will open its 40th store and donation center as well as its 10th Career Center.

WHO: Goodwill of Central Arizona, an organization dedicated to helping individuals in central Arizona with disadvantaging conditions overcome their barriers to employment and find self-sufficiency through the power of work.

Public officials, including Goodyear mayor James Cavanaugh will be on-site to commemorate the opening of the Goodwill retail store and donation center.

WHEN: 9 a.m., Friday, Oct. 24, 2008
Refreshments will be served.

WHERE: 211 N Litchfield Rd
Goodyear AZ 85338

Celebrating 60 years in the Valley, Goodwill of Central Arizona is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit agencies in Arizona. Our commitment is to “Put People to Work” throughout Arizona by providing job skills training, education and career services to those with vocational disadvantages that can include physical and emotional barriers, welfare dependency, illiteracy and age. In 2007, we served 11,000 youth and adults on their quest toward self-sufficiency and placed more than 4,600 into competitive employment. For more information on Goodwill of Central Arizona visit www.goodwillaz.org.

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