

Goodwill

of Central Arizona

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Goodwill featured as one of the Valley's "Best Places to Work" as ranked by the *Phoenix Business Journal* and BestCompaniesAZ, LLC.

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Overview

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

One of 169 independently operating Goodwill organizations worldwide

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

90 cents of every dollar goes to our Commitment

Positively impacts the community and individual lives by helping those with disadvantages obtain self-sufficiency through education and the power of work

2008 Highlights

More than 23,000 youth and adults benefited from employment and training services

More than 5,100 employment opportunities were secured

42 retail stores operating throughout central Arizona

More than 900,000 donors

PHOENIX (Dec. 17, 2009)—The *Phoenix Business Journal* and BestCompaniesAZ, co-founders of the "Best Places to Work" list, recently announced that Goodwill of Central Arizona has been named to the 2009 list in the Large Company-sized category. Goodwill, an organization that has been successful in its Commitment to **Put People to Work**, is also dedicated to fostering a positive work environment for its 1,345 employees.

The "Best Places to Work" list, which was started in 2003, recognizes Valley companies who, through a third-party-administered employee satisfaction survey, rank as being the best places to work. The areas surveyed are varied parts of employee life, including workplace environment, leadership direction, culture, and management practices.

Goodwill was acknowledged for creating an enjoyable corporate culture and work environment that fosters personal and professional growth for its employees. By offering its employees such benefits as 401k retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, and employee giveaways, Goodwill has promoted a pleasant and productive atmosphere for its valued workforce.

"We are excited to rank #30 on the "Best Places to Work" in the Valley list this year," said Jim Teter, President and CEO for Goodwill of Central Arizona. "Making the list is truly an honor for everyone working for and associated with Goodwill. We are extremely proud of our employees and the dedicated services they help provide to our local communities every day."

Winners were announced at the "Best Places to Work" Luncheon, Dec. 10 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa in Phoenix, and were featured in the Dec. 11 edition of the *Phoenix Business Journal* and on an exclusive Website for the Valley's "Best Places to Work" – www.BestCompaniesAZ.com.

With 62 years of serving central Arizona's communities, 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 training and employment services to those with vocational disadvantages and disabilities that can include mental and emotional barriers, physical disabilities, welfare dependency, illiteracy and age. In 2008, we served almost 23,000 youth and adults on their quest toward self-sufficiency and secured more than 5,100 employment opportunities. For more information on Goodwill of Central Arizona, visit www.goodwillaz.org.

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