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# Goodwill changes lives in Prescott through Rehabilitation Services

## Goodwill of Central Arizona

### 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 184 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

40 retail stores operating throughout central Arizona

More than 900,000 donors

**PHOENIX (March 11, 2009)** — Goodwill of Central Arizona provides much more to the Prescott community than stores where consumers can find great bargains on brand-named clothing and household goods. Through its efforts to turn donations into dollars, Goodwill provides rehabilitation services for individuals with physical, mental and developmental disabilities to help them with all aspects of preparing for and finding work – giving them a foundation of independence.

“Our commitment is to provide job training and help people get ready for jobs,” said Lisa Wilham, Vice President of Workforce Development for Goodwill of Central Arizona. “By helping these individuals who might otherwise not have the same employment opportunities, we hope to change their lives, their families and revitalize the Prescott community.”

Since 2004, the nonprofit organization has been helping individuals in Prescott navigate a variety of barriers, such as autism, Down syndrome, mental health issues, physical disabilities and cerebral palsy, and obtain the necessary skills to compete for and find employment. Goodwill Rehabilitation Services has directly helped 82 clients prepare resumes, practice job interviewing skills and work on necessary self-presentation skills for maintaining a job.

Currently, 17 individuals from the Prescott area are utilizing Goodwill’s services to help them build hard and soft skills and prepare for work. Goodwill has referrals from various state agencies and is able to successfully help some find work through its various community partners.

For more information on how Goodwill’s Rehabilitation Services provides life changing work skills to individuals with barriers to employment, please visit <http://www.goodwillaz.org/jobs/rehabilitation>.

With more than 60 years of serving the community, 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 that can include physical and emotional barriers, 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](http://www.goodwillaz.org).