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Goodwill needs your donations now more than ever Remember to donate to Goodwill as you clean out your closet

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

39 retail stores operating throughout central Arizona

More than 900,000 donors

PHOENIX (April 6, 2009) — Goodwill of Central Arizona understands that people are tightening their budgets and stretching their dollars. In these tough economic times, Goodwill sales are up and more people are coming to us for help finding a job. The sale of our donations translates into job training programs and employment services for Arizona youth and adults.

Goodwill is working hard to keep up with the increased demand for its job training programs and career services as national unemployment rates continue to rise. Goodwill cannot provide these critical services without community donations to sell in our stores. Goodwill of Central Arizona is asking people to be generous this spring as they clean out their closets and donate gently-used clothing and house wares at one of its 42 donation drop-off centers.

“Donating clothing and household goods is a simple way to support the revitalization of Arizona’s workforce,” said Jim Teter, President and CEO of Goodwill of Central Arizona. “Donors and community residents know that Goodwill is a trusted, reputable charity that gives individuals get a hand up when they need it the most.”

When someone is having a hard time finding a job, either because of a disability, lack of education or work experience, Goodwill is there to help. We do that by selling your donations in Goodwill stores and using the revenues to fund critical human services and job training programs. Last year, more than 23,000 individuals benefited from Goodwill’s employment services.

Donating and shopping at Goodwill are excellent ways to make an investment in your local community and help your neighbors in hard times.

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.