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GOODWILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT FROM BANK OF AMERICA TO HELP FUND CAREER TRAINING SERVICES IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

Los Angeles, CA, July 29, 2019 – Goodwill Southern California (GSC) announced that it has received a generous \$20,000 grant from Bank of America to expand career training and placement services in the Inland Empire.

GSC serves individuals throughout the Inland Empire with several Career Resource Centers which provide employment services and programs in various communities. The grant will help fund Goodwill Southern California's career training services for those individuals who are the hardest-to-place in a job. These communities include individuals with disabilities, disconnected youth, individuals formerly incarcerated, military veterans, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

"We are grateful to receive this generous grant award from Bank of America to expand our employment services throughout the Inland Empire. Bank of America's investment will make a big impact and help Goodwill Southern California to Transform Lives Through the Power of Work for thousands of individuals with disabilities and disadvantages in our community," said Patrick McClenahan, president & CEO, Goodwill Southern California.

"Making the current economic growth sustainable over time will rely on building better pathways to educational attainment and a more skilled labor force, as more than 1.3 million of the Inland Empire's workers lack a bachelor's degree. But through strategic philanthropic investments with nonprofit partners like Goodwill Southern California, Bank of America is deploying its capital to help connect today's workforce to advanced job skills training, especially for those from economically disadvantaged communities," said Al Argüello, Inland Empire market president at Bank of America.

Goodwill Southern California is among multiple nonprofits receiving funding from Bank of America to help underserved people in the Inland Empire chart a path toward greater economic mobility by improving access to food, shelter, benefits, career readiness resources and financial resources for families.

About Goodwill Southern California

Transforming lives through the power of work, Goodwill Southern California (GSC) serves individuals with disabilities or other vocational challenges by providing education, training, work experience and job placement services. Each year, GSC prepares and places thousands of individuals into sustainable employment through programs and services offered at three campuses, Career Resource Centers, WorkSource Centers, Deaf, Youth and Veteran Employment Programs throughout Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans Ave.), Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC supports its mission with proceeds generated from more than 80 stores and over 40 attended donation centers. GSC spends 95 percent of its budget on programs and services. Committed to caring for the earth, last year GSC diverted over 100 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills. Goodwill is GOOD for Everyone!

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