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Goodwill SoCal Appeal to the Community Regarding Donations

Los Angeles, CA, March 24, 2020 – In compliance with the mandate of state and local officials for non-essential businesses to cease operations, Goodwill Southern California closed our stores and donation centers last week. This closure includes all retail stores, outlet stores, donation centers and bookstores/boutiques in our territory, which includes Los Angeles (N. of Rosecrans), Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

With the closures and shelter-in-place restriction, we are asking donors to refrain from dropping off donations at our storefront entrances. These donations quickly become trash when left outside in what is becoming a community safety hazard.

Goodwill Southern California welcomes donations when our stores re-open - as shoppers and donors are crucial to help fund our employment programs for individuals with barriers to employment, including individuals with disabilities, veterans, youth, the reentry community, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

We are also asking donors to help prepare their donations by pre-sorting their items into specific categories (clothing and home goods) so our Goodwill SoCal team ambassadors will be able to quickly price the items for sale at our retail stores once they re-open. The proceeds from our retail stores help create jobs in our community.

Goodwill SoCal will provide ongoing updates to shoppers and donors about reopening dates for our stores and donation centers via our website at www.goodwillsoocal.org and our social media channels (@GoodwillSoCal on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

To film a segment at one of our donation centers, please contact Marla Eby at meby@goodwillsoocal.org or (323) 246-3620.

On Air Statement

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, Goodwill Southern California stores and donation centers are temporarily closed, as mandated by government authorities and health experts. Until we re-open, we ask the community to save your donations at home and do not drop them off at our

donation centers, as donation pile up and create a health hazard. We will gratefully accept your donations when we re-open. Follow us on social media @GoodwillSoCal or visit our website at GoodwillSoCal.org for updates.

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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