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GOODWILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CREATES JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN MANUFACTURING WITH THE HELP OF THE JAMES IRVINE FOUNDATION

Los Angeles, CA, June 10, 2019—Goodwill Southern California (GSC) announced that it has received a \$750,000 grant from the James Irvine Foundation to create career pathway opportunities for individuals in the manufacturing sector through engaging employers.

The program will address the growing workforce needs of California's fast-growing manufacturing sector, especially in Los Angeles County. Over 30,000 small manufacturers in California do not have the resources to invest in upskilling and apprenticeship programs for their employees. The grant from The James Irvine Foundation will better help GSC to align employer needs, individuals who are ready to advance in their career and community colleges who are creating the programs for the workforce of the future. This especially helps people with the most barriers to employment, including individuals with disabilities, youth, those experiencing homelessness, previously incarcerated, and military veterans.

"We are thrilled to receive this generous grant from The James Irvine Foundation to expand our services in the manufacturing sector," said Patrick McClenahan, President and CEO, Goodwill Southern California. "This grant will enable us to provide vital services to individuals we serve in our community."

"We are proud to support Goodwill Southern California through our Better Careers initiative," said Kelley Gulley, Senior Program Officer at The James Irvine Foundation. "Their work to connect Californians, particularly those who face high barriers to finding good jobs, with careers in the manufacturing sector will help Irvine move closer to our goal of creating a California where all low-income Californians have the power to advance economically."

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 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 over 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, each year GSC diverts over 100 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills. Goodwill is Good for Everyone!

About The James Irvine Foundation

Since 1937, The James Irvine Foundation has provided more than \$1.87 billion in grants to nonprofits working across California, including \$95.9 million in 2018. The singular goal of our grantmaking is a California where all low-income workers have the power to advance economically.

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