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Goodwill Southern California To Celebrate Grand Opening Of Indio Youth Opportunity Center

Los Angeles, CA, March 11, 2026 – Goodwill Southern California will be celebrating the Grand Opening of its new Indio Youth Opportunity Center from 10am – 12pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. The grand opening ceremony will begin at 10am and will include legislators, partners and Goodwill SoCal staff.

What: Grand Opening of Goodwill SoCal Youth Opportunity Center in Indio
(speakers, tours & refreshments)

When: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 10am – 12pm

Where: 44-199 Monroe Street Indio, CA 92201

The Indio Youth Opportunity Center, funded by Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions Department, supports local youth (ages 16-24) in the Coachella Valley by providing free resources to help them succeed in school, work and life, including:

- Career Exploration
- Work Readiness Skills
- Mentoring and Counseling
- College & Job Preparation Support
- Tutoring
- Technology Access

The Youth Opportunity Center partners with county leadership, workforce development partners, employers, education, training organizations, and other non-profits to support local youth. This community-focused hub was designed as a welcoming, accessible space for young people to gather, learn and connect, opening doors for young adults, equipping them with skills, mentorship, and opportunities to grow, thrive, and transform their futures.

Goodwill Southern California currently operates four Youth Employment Centers - in West LA, Indio, South Valley (Panorama City), and the Northeast San Fernando Valley (Sylmar). The non-profit offers free programs for people in our community with barriers to employment, including people with disabilities, veterans, youth, reentry (justice involved) and people without homes.

“Opening our Youth Opportunity Center in Indio is an exciting and meaningful step for Goodwill Southern California. Indio has long demonstrated an incredible commitment to uplifting its community, and we are honored to join a city that already does such important work to support its residents,” said Goodwill Southern California President & CEO, Patrick McClenahan.

“As we establish our presence here, our goal is to integrate ourselves thoughtfully and collaboratively — listening first, partnering locally, and building programs that truly meet the needs of the community. Through our Youth Opportunity services, we will provide career coaching, job readiness and life skills training, paid work experience, education support, industry-recognized certifications, and direct job placement assistance. We are proud to invest in Indio’s future and look forward to working alongside local leaders, families, and employers to empower young people with the skills, confidence, and opportunities they need to thrive.”

For more information about Goodwill SoCal’s employment programs, visit www.goodwillso-cal.org/career-services/youth-centers

Media who wish to film at the Grand Opening may contact Marla Eby, Director of Marketing and Media Relations at meby@goodwillso-cal.org or 323-539-2104.

About Goodwill Southern California

Transforming lives through the power of work, Goodwill Southern California (GSC) serves individuals with barriers to employment 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 as well as Career Resource Centers, WorkSource Centers, Youth and Veteran Employment Programs throughout Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans Ave.), Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC operates more than 100 stores and attended donation centers. The non-profit spends 95 percent of its budget on programs and services. Committed to caring for the earth, last year GSC diverted more than 165 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills. Follow Goodwill SoCal on social media - @GoodwillSoCal or visit www.goodwillso-cal.org for more information.

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