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## **Goodwill Southern California To Celebrate Grand Opening Of CVS Health Career Skills Lab In Los Angeles**

Los Angeles, CA, May 26, 2026 – Goodwill Southern California will celebrate the grand opening of its new Los Angeles CVS Health Career Skills Lab in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will kick off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m. and will include local legislators, community partners, Goodwill Southern California leadership and CVS Health representatives.

**Event Details:**

**What:** Grand Opening of Goodwill SoCal’s Los Angeles CVS Health Career Skills Lab (speakers, tours & refreshments)  
**When:** Wednesday, June 3, 2026 | 10am – 12pm  
**Where:** Goodwill Southern California – Los Angeles Campus  
342 N. San Fernando Road Los Angeles 90031

CVS Health® Career Skills Lab, which is operated by Goodwill Southern California, provides no-cost, high quality training designed to prepare individuals for roles in health care, including pharmacy technician and customer service positions. From shelving and signage to products and equipment, CVS Health works closely with community organizations across the country, like Goodwill to shape curriculum and provide realworld tools, ensuring learning feels practical and relevant from day one.

“This Career Skills Lab reflects our commitment to building communitybased pathways into meaningful careers,” said Greg Schmidt, Director of Workforce Initiatives, CVS Health. “By working with trusted local organizations like Goodwill and creating realistic training environments, we’re helping people gain the skills and confidence they need to take the next step toward stable employment.”

Located on Goodwill Southern California’s Los Angeles campus, the new lab features a full replica of a CVS Pharmacy retail store, complete with relevant fixtures and equipment to give participants job-ready experience. Approximately 60–80 individuals are expected to participate in the Los Angeles Career Skills Lab each year. Training is delivered through small cohorts of 15–20 participants, with four cohorts offered annually that meet weekly.

The program is designed for individuals at various stages of their career journey, including:

- Dislocated workers
- Parttime or underemployed workers
- Recent high school graduates
- Individuals looking for a career change

Participants who successfully complete the program gain skills that can open doors to careers at CVS Health or within related health care and retail industries.

“We’re proud to collaborate with CVS Health to expand access to meaningful career pathways for people across our community,” said Patrick McClenahan, President and CEO of Goodwill Southern California. “This Career Skills Lab represents what’s possible when organizations come together with a shared purpose—creating real opportunities for individuals to gain skills, build confidence, and take the next step toward sustainable employment. We’re grateful for this collaboration and excited to help even more people transform their futures through the power of work.”

The CVS Health Career Skills Lab is open to individuals facing barriers to employment who live within Goodwill Southern California’s service area, including Los Angeles County (north of Rosecrans Avenue), Riverside County, and San Bernardino County.

To be eligible, participants must:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have completed at least an 8th grade level of math
- Hold a high school diploma or GED

In addition to technical training, participants are enrolled in Goodwill Southern California’s employment services and have access to wraparound supports, including:

- Career exploration
- Workreadiness skills
- Mentoring and counseling
- College and job preparation support
- Tutoring
- Technology access

For more information or to sign up for the CVS Career Skills Lab, contact [jmarin@goodwillsoocal.org](mailto:jmarin@goodwillsoocal.org) (LA) or [hdelgado@goodwillsoocal.org](mailto:hdelgado@goodwillsoocal.org) (San Bernardino).

**Media who wish to film at the Grand Opening can contact Marla Eby, Director of Marketing and Media Relations at [meyby@goodwillsoocal.org](mailto:meyby@goodwillsoocal.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.goodwillsoocal.org](http://www.goodwillsoocal.org) for more information.

