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Goodwill Southern California To Celebrate Grand Opening Of CVS Health Career Skills Lab In San Bernardino

Los Angeles, CA, September 23, 2026 – Goodwill Southern California will celebrate the grand opening of its new CVS Health Career Skills Lab in San Bernardino on Thursday, October 1, 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 San Bernardino CVS Health Career Skills Lab (speakers, tours & refreshments)
When: Thursday, October 1, 2026 | 10am – 12pm
Where: Goodwill Southern California – San Bernardino Campus
8120 Palm Lane San Bernardino 92410

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 San Bernardino 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. Training is delivered through small cohorts of 15–20 participants that meet weekly. Cohorts area offered throughout the year.

Launched on June 29, the first San Bernardino cohort brought together 17 participants in a hybrid training model, including five participants attending in person, and celebrated graduation on July 10. The cohort demonstrated strong community interest, with several participants learning about the opportunity through fellow participants and a mother and daughter joining together, while the youngest participant was just 18 years old.

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.

“The Inland Empire is one of the fastest-growing regions in California, and its continued success depends on ensuring local residents have access to the skills and opportunities needed to thrive,” said Patrick McClenahan, President and CEO of Goodwill Southern California. “We’re proud to collaborate with CVS Health to invest in the people who make this community strong. The Career Skills Lab is more than a training program; it represents a shared commitment to building a stronger workforce, expanding economic opportunity, and helping individuals secure meaningful careers that benefit their families, local employers, and the long-term vitality of the Inland Empire. Together, we’re creating pathways to employment that strengthen both people and the communities they call home.”

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 (LA) or 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 meby@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.goodwillso-cal.org for more information.

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