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Goodwill Southern California To Hold Two Hiring & Resource Events In Celebration of October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Los Angeles, CA, October 5, 2026 – In recognition of October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), Goodwill Southern California (GSC) will hold two Disability Resource & Career Fairs – one on October 15th in San Bernadino and the second on October 20th in Los Angeles.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is an annual recognition of the positive impact of people with disabilities in the American workforce. It was originally set as a weeklong event in October in 1945. Congress declared it as a month-long event in 1988. The 2026 theme is "Celebrating Value and Talent".

Goodwill Southern California is a leading non-profit provider of job placement, training, and support services for individuals with barriers to employment, including:

- People With Disabilities
- Youth
- Veterans
- Justice involved
- People experiencing homelessness

Goodwill SoCal is an AbilityOne® authorized provider and leading employment source for individuals with disabilities, and member of the SourceAmerica® network, which facilitates meaningful job connections via government and private sector contracts.

People with disabilities are a dependable and valuable part of the workforce, with higher employee retention rates, leading to lower hiring and training costs.

"At the heart of our mission is the belief that every person in our community has value and talent," said Patrick McClenahan, Goodwill Southern California's President and CEO. "If we're thoughtful and creative, with like-minded partners, we can provide opportunities that lead to meaningful and sustainable careers."

Goodwill SoCal has more than 100 locations in its territory – including employment centers, retail stores, outlet stores, boutiques, attended donation centers covering Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans), Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Ninety-five cents of every dollar generated from sales is dedicated to funding GSC's mission to prepare and place individuals with disabilities and other vocational challenges in sustainable employment.

Media who wish to film at the hiring events may contact Marla Eby, Director of Marketing & Media Relations, at meby@goodwillsoocal.org or 323-539-2104.

Goodwill SoCal's Disability Resource & Career Fairs

San Bernardino - Thursday, October 15 – 1pm – 4pm

8120 Palm Lane
San Bernardino, CA 92410

Los Angeles - Tuesday, October 20 – 1pm – 4pm

Northeast LA WorkSource Center
342 N. San Fernando Rd. – Mitchell Auditorium
Los Angeles, CA 90031

For more information on these events, contact disabilityservices@goodwillsoocal.org. To learn more about Goodwill Southern California's commitment to assisting people with disabilities or if you know someone with a disability, please visit <https://www.goodwillsoocal.org/career-services/disability-services/>.

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, 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 100 stores and attended donation centers. GSC 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. Goodwill is GOOD for Everyone!

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