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LOOKING FOR WORK? COME TO GOODWILL'S MAY 5 CAREER FAIR

Networking event to take place during Goodwill Industries® Week

MAPLE SHADE, NJ --(April 27, 2015) -- Despite recent government statistics that show the unemployment rate hovering at its lowest level since before the Great Recession, a difficult chapter of the labor story is getting little attention. Many workers are either no longer actively looking for work or have given up altogether because they feel no jobs are available for them.

The U.S. Department of Labor refers to these individuals as either workers who are marginally attached to the labor force or discouraged workers. Both categories have seen little change over the past year in terms of overall numbers.

As North America's leading nonprofit provider of job training, employment placement services and other community-based programs, Goodwill® is helping people overcome challenges that prevent them from finding and keeping good jobs.

As part of that ongoing effort, Goodwill Industries® of Southern NJ will join with other Goodwill agencies across the United States and Canada to host career fairs in May as part of Goodwill Industries Week. **This year's Career Fair will take place on Tuesday, May 5 from 10 am – 2 pm at Camden County College's Connector Atrium (200 College Drive) in Blackwood, NJ.** Participating employers will include Sugar House Casino, Beneficial Bank, Wegman's, Republic Bank and others.

"It's not enough that *some* people are finding work — we want all job seekers to have success," said Goodwill's VP of Mission Services Jennifer Mauro. "Throughout its history, Goodwill has worked hard to connect everyone who wants to work with good jobs. That work continues to this day, here in the South Jersey area and beyond."

All of Goodwill's job placement and training services that help connect individuals faced with barriers with meaningful jobs are funded through the mass collection and resale of gently-used donated items. Locally, Goodwill operates 21 thrift stores. Everyone in the community can do their part by donating things they no longer need to Goodwill.

Since 1951, Goodwill Industries Week has taken place the first full week of May to celebrate Goodwill's many successes in helping individuals discover a new day of the week—pay day. Last year, 1,602 people in South Jersey and Philadelphia benefited from Goodwill's job training and support services.

About Goodwill Industries of Southern NJ & Philadelphia

A nonprofit, community-based organization, Goodwill Industries of Southern New Jersey & Philadelphia's mission is to put people with special needs to work. The mass collection and resale of donated goods in Goodwill's 20+ area retail stores fund job training and career services that prepare individuals with disabilities and disadvantages for competitive employment while contributing to America's recycling efforts. Currently, Goodwill operates employment training centers in Maple Shade, Pennsauken, Stratford and Philadelphia. For more information on Goodwill, please visit www.goodwillnj.org or call 856/439-0200.

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