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**GOODWILL'S HELMS ACADEMY TO OFFER FREE WORKSHOPS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
SOUTH JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES**

Maple Shade, NJ – (July 7, 2014) – Goodwill's Helms Academy will offer free workshops on legal issues related to unemployment and assistance benefits on Tuesday, July 15 and Tuesday, July 29. Made possible through a partnership with South Jersey Legal Services, the workshops will take place at The Helms Academy (222 S. White Horse Pike) in Stratford. Workshops will run from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Reservations are recommended. To reserve your spot, please call 856-566-5375, ext. 3.

South Jersey Legal Services is a non-profit law firm with a mission of providing high quality legal services to low income residents of Camden and other counties.

The **Tuesday, July 15** workshop will cover general assistance benefits such as the Food Stamp Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Emergency Assistance, and Medicaid.

The **Tuesday, July 29** workshop will focus on Unemployment Benefits, Domestic Violence, Landlord/Tenant Disputes, and Medicaid.

In addition to its on-going workshop series, The Helms Academy, operated by Goodwill Industries of Southern NJ & Philadelphia, offers free general adult education and employment services that help individuals fulfill the necessary academic requirements to get their high school diploma while simultaneously earning college credit. Classes are offered both during the day and in the evening. Many courses are also available to participants online 24-7. Adults 18 and older who have left traditional secondary education and are unable to return due to age and/or circumstance are encouraged to apply. Students are accepted into the Academy on a rolling basis as space is limited.

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.