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GOODWILL CELEBRATES NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH WITH AWARDS BREAKFAST

**Honorees Included Congressman Jon Runyan, The John S. and
James L. Knight Foundation and Sam Olmo**

MAPLE SHADE, NJ - (October 25, 2011) – More than 150 guests recently joined Goodwill to commemorate National Disability Employment Awareness Month and to honor the individuals and companies that have helped spread goodwill through the community. 6-ABC Morning Anchor **Tamala Edwards** served as guest MC at the event, which took place at Tavistock Country Club in Haddonfield.

Congressman Jon Runyan (NJ-3) received Goodwill's coveted Helms Award for his outstanding philanthropic contributions to the community. Named after the founder of Goodwill, the award recognized Runyan's commitment to philanthropy through his involvement with the Alzheimer's Association, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, NJ Special Olympics, Leukemia & Lymphoma Association and many others.

The Philadelphia office of the **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation** was honored with Goodwill's Community Partnership Award for helping bring Goodwill's Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program to fruition. The Foundation awarded Goodwill a \$1.4 million grant over three years to fund this program which helps ex-offenders gain marketable job skills and build a resume in preparation for employment in the local workforce.

Pennsauken resident **Sam Olmo** received Goodwill's Diana Quinones Client Achievement Award. Olmo was a client in Goodwill's School-to-Work Program and also worked in Goodwill's Outsourcing & Production Fulfillment Center. Using the job skills he learned at Goodwill, he secured employment as a mail clerk at Medco, a Fortune 500 mail order pharmacy company based in Willingboro, NJ. Olmo has held this position for three years and continues to excel in his position.

About Goodwill

Founded in 1948, Goodwill Industries of Southern NJ & Philadelphia is a nonprofit, community-based organization. Its mission is to put people with special needs to work. Revenue from the sale of donated items in Goodwill's 19 retail stores fund job training and career services that prepare local residents with disabilities and disadvantages for competitive employment in the community while contributing to America's recycling efforts. For more information, please call 856/439-0200 or visit www.goodwillnj.org.

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From r. to l.: Goodwill President & CEO Mark B. Boyd and 6-ABC Anchor Tamala Edwards pose with Community Partnership Award recipient Donna Frisby-Greenwood, Program Director for the Philadelphia office of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation; Diana Quinones Client Achievement Award recipient Sam Olmo of Medco; and Helms Award recipient Congressman Jon Runyan (NJ-3).