

Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

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Local Disables Woman to Receive International Achievement Award from Goodwill

Born blind and with cerebral palsy, Lorena Salas is never deterred by her disabilities, working as one of the most valued employees at Goodwill's Castleton store. Salas will be honored locally by Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc. for her life achievement in overcoming her disabilities at Goodwill's annual luncheon on May 1.

"Lorena's success and her value to the Indianapolis Goodwill show how everyone can contribute to their community in meaningful ways," says George W. Kessinger, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries International. "Lorena's story reminds us that any and all barriers can be overcome with determination and the right support."

Following her local recognition, Salas will accept the Goodwill Industries International Achiever of the Year Award on June 23 in Greensboro, North Carolina at the national Goodwill Industries Delegate Assembly. This award honors an individual who is an outstanding person with a disability and who has shown great progress in overcoming barriers to employment.

Additionally, four other individuals will be recognized at Goodwill's luncheon for their individual achievement and two partnerships will be honored. The full list of honorees includes:

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Goodwill International Achiever of the Year - Lorena Salas
Achiever of the Year - Michael Odom
Barbara Robinson Memorial Award - Bryant Childers
Employer of the Year - Clarian Health Partners
Partner of the Year – Indiana State AFL-CIO LIFT
Goodwill Store of the Year - East 96th Street
Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services Lifetime Achievement –
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Keynote speaker will be John Mutz, chairman, the Lumina Foundation for Education and former Indiana lieutenant governor; awards will be presented by James McClelland, president, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc., and Bruce Jacobson, chairman, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

Each award presentation will include a video of the recipient. Copies for use in editing can be arranged by contacting Cindy Graham at (317) 524-4212.

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