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Scotty's Brewhouse Honored for Dedication to Hiring Hoosiers with Disabilities

Goodwill-nominated employer partner receives 2017 Access and Inclusion Award

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Scott Wise, founder of Scotty's Brewhouse and Thr3e Wise Men, was recently recognized by the Indianapolis Office of Disability Affairs for his commitment to hiring Hoosiers with disabilities, who comprise 5% of his workforce.

Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana, whose Disability Services program partnered with Wise to place 12 individuals into jobs last year, nominated him for the 2017 Access and Inclusion Awards in the employer category.

"Goodwill is grateful for employers like Scott who share our mindset on providing job opportunities to individuals with disabilities," said Kent A. Kramer, president and CEO of Goodwill. "Our partnership has resulted in excellent employment matches for people like Kelly Kaser, who was recently honored for her service in the hospitality industry."

In a recent ceremony at the Indianapolis Arts Garden, Wise was honored with the 2017 Employer Award, which recognizes an individual, business or organization in the Indianapolis community that has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to providing career training, employment and/or advancement opportunities to persons with disabilities.

"I don't like to use the word 'award' when receiving this kind of recognition," Wise said. "We do this because it is the right thing to do. I believe we are setting an example to other employers around the world that individuals with disabilities (or as we like to say, "special abilities") deserve the same opportunities of inclusiveness. I hope our work will shed light on all the possibilities."

Wise also partnered with The Arc of Indiana, an advocacy group for the disabled, on its Courtyard by Marriott project in Muncie, which opened in 2015. The hotel and Thr3e Wise Men restaurant inside serve the Horizon Convention Center and are also a training center for individuals with disabilities who want to enter the hospitality industry.

"Scott is a great example of the impact business leaders can have when they invest in their communities," Kramer said.

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About Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana

Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana changes lives every day by empowering people to increase their independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment. The organization serves 39 Indiana counties and operates more than 70 retail locations, as well as charter schools for adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more.