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### **Goodwill Hosts 700 Volunteers for Lilly's Global Day of Service**

*Two of central Indiana's largest employers provide opportunities to give back*

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.** — Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana announced it will host more than 700 volunteers as a first-time participant in Lilly's Global Day of Service on Thursday, September 27.

"At first glance, Goodwill may not be a place where you'd expect to find many volunteer opportunities, but with over 100 sites throughout central and southern Indiana, we offer a wealth of possibilities," said Kent A. Kramer, president and CEO of Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana.

Lilly employees will fan out to one of 34 central Indiana Goodwill sites where they will engage in a range of activities, including mock interviews with students at Indianapolis Metropolitan High School and various Excel Center locations.

Volunteer interviewers will inquire about past work experience or career aspirations and share feedback, helping students improve their interviewing skills. Students will have an opportunity to interview Lilly volunteers to learn about their education and career journeys. Volunteers will also participate in a panel interview with various school staff, who will share specific insights, challenges and opportunities related to the student populations they serve.

In addition, volunteers will be working with Goodwill's retail employees and providing process improvement support to Goodwill's Commercial Services team.

"Building on our longstanding partnership, Lilly employees will work side-by-side with Goodwill employees for our Global Day of Service to help further Goodwill's mission of helping people reach their full potential through education, skills training and meaningful work," said Al White, Vice President at Lilly Foundation.

The two organizations will also host a donation drive in tandem with the Global Day of Service. For every bag of clothing volunteers donate, Lilly will receive a \$5 voucher to Goodwill that can be distributed to families in need.

"Goodwill's relationship with Lilly goes all the way back to our organization's founding," said Kramer. "We're grateful for their continued support of our organization."

If you would like to preview Goodwill's Global Day of Service activities or interview Goodwill's CEO, Kent Kramer, you're invited to The Excel Center, 1635 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. on September 27. To arrange an alternative time for an interview, please contact Cindy Graham at [cgraham@goodwillindy.org](mailto:cgraham@goodwillindy.org).

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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.