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Twin Brothers with Cerebral Palsy Exemplify Leadership

Goodwill recognizes employees for National Disability Employment Awareness Month

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Goodwill announced today that it will highlight several employees for [National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#) during the month of October, including twin brothers Troy and Garrett Wilson, who both developed cerebral palsy after being born three months premature. October 5 is also *World Cerebral Palsy Day*.

“Ultrasounds weren’t as comprehensive in 1991, so our parents and the doctors were only expecting one baby,” Garrett said. “Not only was my presence a shock, but I also came out in breech position, with the umbilical cord wrapped around my neck.”

Today — 27 years later — they’re both highly respected employees at Goodwill. Initially a volunteer, Troy was paired with Goodwill’s Lafayette retail store in 2016.

“I learned about Goodwill’s mission to employ people with disabilities and appreciated that they help people like me,” he said. “I wanted to work for a company like that, so I applied for a job.”

Troy started as a part-time associate, but through his passion and dedication, earned a full-time promotion to Team Lead, a position with more responsibility that requires him to manage as many as 30 employees in a single shift.

Garrett majored in rhetoric and Spanish at Wabash College. In 2015, he joined The Excel Center, Goodwill’s high school for adults, as a first-time teacher. He taught math, English and humanities, and is now Lead Teacher at The Excel Center in Lafayette.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, individuals with disabilities are twice as likely to be unemployed as individuals without disabilities. Goodwill employs more than 4,000 Hoosiers — 34% of whom have a disability.

“Garrett often refers students who are looking for a job to Troy. Likewise, Troy refers employees who need a high school diploma to Garrett,” said Kent A. Kramer, president and CEO of Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana. “Together, these brothers are living out Goodwill’s mission and illustrating the culture of opportunity we encourage.”

If you would like to arrange an interview with the Wilson brothers, please contact Cindy Graham at 317.459.4162 or cgraham@goodwillindy.org.

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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.