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Local Partnership Creates Job Opportunities in Shelbyville
Goodwill to recognize Major Health Partners for mission support

SHELBYVILLE, Ind. — Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana will honor Major Health Partners (MHP) with its 2019 Connections Award, recognizing the health care provider's demonstrated commitment to supporting Goodwill and helping individuals achieve independence. Shelbyville Mayor Tom DeBaun played a key role in connecting The Excel Center®, Goodwill's high school for adults, with MHP, a leading provider of health care services in Shelby County.

"We're taking a holistic view of talent development in our community," said Mayor DeBaun. "We knew MHP had a need and that The Excel Center had the capabilities to service that need."

Goodwill's partnership with MHP marries the health care provider's need for a steady pipeline of experienced medical assistants with The Excel Center's need for externship opportunities for students who earn a Certified Clinical Medical Assisting (CCMA) credential from the school.

"Major Health Partners provides students who earn this credential with invaluable on-the-job training, preparing them to be successful in their roles," said Kent A. Kramer, president and CEO at Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana. "This model is now being replicated in other communities across our network."

Major Health Partners has dedicated its own experienced medical assistant to create and lead the CCMA program, ensuring students are ready to achieve career success. The first two cohorts yielded an average rate of pay of \$14.08 per hour upon completion.

"Goodwill has made it possible for us to have quality candidates for employment and reduced our training time on the backend," said Rebecca Eberhart, Manager of Outpatient Training and Staff Development at Major Health Partners. "Once students go through the program, they're ready to hit the ground running."

Goodwill will recognize Major Health Partners at its upcoming Awards Breakfast, an annual event that celebrates the achievements of its employees, students, families and partners. The Awards Breakfast is Friday, May 10, at 8 a.m. at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. All media are invited to attend. Please contact Cindy Graham at cgraham@goodwillindy.org if you would like to arrange interviews.

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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.