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**Indy Artist Joins List of Diverse Contractors at New Manufacturing Facility**  
*Cook Medical and Goodwill prepare for upcoming ribbon-cutting*

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.** — Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana announced that its new medical manufacturing facility at 38th & Sheridan, built in partnership with Cook Medical, will soon be fully operational. Continuing along the path of hiring 100% local, diverse (minority, women, disability and veteran-owned) contractors, Goodwill hired Indy artist Amiah Mims to paint two murals at the new facility.

“Amiah was involved in the Black Lives Matter Boarded Window Mural project in 2020 as well as the Black Lives Matter Street Mural project on Indiana Avenue,” said Kent A. Kramer, president and chief executive officer of Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana. “We asked her if our new murals could also reflect our surrounding community, and through her unique talent and skills, she brought that vision to life.”

Mims graduated from Kent State University in 2015 where she majored in Visual Communication Design and minored in Photo Illustration. She is also a retired KSU collegiate level gymnast. She was employed by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for five years, until July 2021, when she founded [Works by Mimsy](#), a creative services company.

“I didn’t fully tap into my artistic potential until 2020,” Mims said. “The racial unrest moved me to speak out on these issues through the medium that is most familiar and meaningful to me: my art.”

Mims worked with Goodwill’s creative services team to develop two mural concepts: one for the new facility’s entryway and another for the breakroom. The parameters were minimal and allowed Mims creative freedom in shaping the concepts and integrating her own style.

“When I learned about this project, I was excited to be involved,” Mims said. “I was most impressed with the project goal of hiring 100% minority-owned contractors. People thought it was an impossible goal, but Cook and Goodwill made it happen.”

Mims’s next project, “Sleek: Art of the Helmet,” opens at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum on July 30, 2022. To schedule a visit or tour at the new facility at 38th and Sheridan, or to speak with Mims about her newest murals, please contact Jenny Kakasuleff at [jennifer.kakasuleff@goodwillindy.org](mailto:jennifer.kakasuleff@goodwillindy.org) or 317.345.4176.

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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. Goodwill 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.

### **About Cook Medical**

Since 1963, Cook Medical has worked closely with physicians to develop technologies that eliminate the need for open surgery. Today we invent, manufacture, and deliver a unique portfolio of medical devices to the healthcare systems of the world. Serving patients is a privilege and we demand the highest standards of quality ethics, and service. We have remained family owned so that we have the freedom to focus on what we care about: our patients, our employees, and our communities.

We believe that it's possible to do good business while doing good in our communities. We're proud to work in collaboration with partners on a community development effort by building both a manufacturing site and a grocery store in Indianapolis. Located at the northwest corner of 38th Street and Sheridan Avenue, the project will help people and communities reach their full potential. Find out more: [www.38thAndSheridan.com](http://www.38thAndSheridan.com).