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**La Meca Perkins-Knight Named Director of The Excel Center in the Avondale
Meadows Neighborhood**

Esteemed special education leader joins Goodwill

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana is pleased to announce the appointment of La Meca Perkins-Knight as Director of The Excel Center® Meadows, located at 3919 Meadows Drive, Indianapolis.

Perkins-Knight has 17 years of experience in special education in roles such as director of special education, lead special education specialist, and inclusion teacher. She was a National Principal Academy Fellow, an Aspiring Special Education Fellow with the State of Indiana, a Teach Plus Alumni Fellow and is a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated. Most recently, she was a leader at Dynamic Minds Academy as the associate director of education. While teaching for Indianapolis Public Schools, Perkins-Knight served as a member of the Indianapolis Public Schools Superintendent's Cabinet.

“We have been given an extraordinary opportunity to add an educator of La Meca’s quality to our team. Her accomplishments and experience are unique, and we are excited about what we know she can do for The Excel Center,” said Betsy K. Delgado, senior vice president and chief mission and education officer at Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana.

Among her many awards are the Indianapolis Education Association United Education Profession Educator Award for her service to the classroom and her association, the National Education Association Minority Teacher Leadership Award, and she was also voted Teacher of the Year while teaching special education at Theodore Potter Spanish Immersion Academy.

“La Meca’s education and experience are indicative of her impressive accomplishments as a leader. She is a decorated, award-winning educator who will undoubtedly be a

difference-maker for our organization. She's an exceptional addition to our team," Delgado added.

Perkins-Knight earned her bachelor's in human and family development studies with minors in social work and psychology and her masters in special education from Indiana University Bloomington.

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