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### **Southeast Indianapolis Community Block Party on September 1**

*The Excel Center in Southeast Indy will host a community block party on September 1 from 3 - 6 p.m.*

**INDIANAPOLIS**, Ind. – The Excel Center®, Goodwill’s high school for adults, will host a community block party at 2251 Sloan Ave in Indianapolis on September 1 from 3 - 6 p.m. The block party is free, open to the public, and will be held in the parking lot of The Excel Center, which recently opened its doors on July 31. Food, music, family games and local organizations’ information booths will be available at the event.

Community organizations and vendors who are expected to attend include:

- C1 Truck Driver Training
- Marian University
- Indiana State Government
- Kookie’s children’s Klostet
- 100 Black Men
- Great Times Family Fun Park
- Teachers’ Treasure
- Popcorn World INDY
- ...and more!

“Our block party serves as a thank you to the Southeast community for being so welcoming,” said Excel Center director Johnny Manson. “All are invited to join the fun as we celebrate with music, food, local partners and family activities on September 1.”

The Excel Center allows adult students to pick up right where they left off in school and provides support and resources to meet their goals. With expedited curriculum and flexible scheduling, students can graduate quickly and prepare for postsecondary pathways. The Excel Center also offers students free on-site child care, transportation assistance, dual credit courses and industry-recognized certification opportunities— all at no cost.

According to the United States Census Bureau, over 700,000 Hoosiers lack a high school diploma. The Excel Center opened its first location in 2010 and has since supported over 8,000 adult graduates with a Core 40 high school diploma, dual credits, and industry-recognized certifications to earn a higher-than-average wage in the workforce.

“The Excel Center works with students and the community to support a multi-generation approach to education, health and employment,” said Betsy K. Delgado, senior vice president and chief mission & education officer at Goodwill. “We are proud to serve adults and families in need of a high-quality education and postsecondary pathway.”

Enrollment for The Excel Center is now open at all 16 central and southern Indiana locations. Adults who wish to enroll can visit [start.excelcenter.org](http://start.excelcenter.org), call 317-524-3925 or enroll on-site during the block party.

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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.