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Goodwill Announces New Foundation Leadership Roles

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Goodwill Foundation of Central and Southern Indiana recently announced a new leadership position and a promotion.

“The Goodwill Foundation has experienced significant growth after multiple years of record fundraising,” said Rachel Eble, senior vice president and chief philanthropy officer. “These roles will help ensure that Goodwill remains a steward of the funds we receive while changing lives throughout central and southern Indiana.”

In his new role as Senior Director of Philanthropy, Nick Ison works with individuals, foundations and corporations to secure philanthropic support for Goodwill’s programs and services. Ison joined Goodwill over nine years ago and has supported a variety of areas including direct mission programming and business development for the organization’s contract manufacturing division. Since joining the Goodwill Foundation, Ison has overseen many corporate partnership initiatives that contributed to multiple record fundraising years.

Ison graduated from Boston University in 2009 and Princeton Theological Seminary in 2014. Ison’s recent community engagement includes serving as a Steering Committee member for the Central Indiana Community Foundation’s Racial Equity Fund, participating in the inaugural class of the Mutz Philanthropic Leadership Institute, and serving as a member of Providence Cristo Rey's Work Study Board. Ison also serves on the board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals: Indiana Chapter.

In his new role as Senior Director of Foundation Operations, Brian Thomas will lead foundation operations and grant initiatives to secure support for Goodwill’s programs and services. Thomas brings more than 25 years of experience in academia, private industry and government to the team. Prior to Goodwill, Thomas worked in sales, marketing, public relations, and partnership development.

Most recently, Thomas served as assistant vice president of grant development at the Ivy Tech Foundation where he led grant fundraising strategies across Ivy Tech’s
statewide system of 19 campuses. Thomas holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing from the University of Evansville and a master’s degree in public administration from American Military University.

To learn more about the Goodwill Foundation, visit goodwillindy.org/foundation/.

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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 40 Indiana counties and operates more than 70 retail locations, as well as contract manufacturing services, charter schools for adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more.