

## **Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.**

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### **Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation & the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation invest in Goodwill's Indianapolis Metropolitan High School**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation is funding a \$1.36 million science wing to be added to Goodwill's Indianapolis Metropolitan High School (Indianapolis Met) campus by year's end. The facility will be named the Ruth Lilly Science Wing.

"The Ruth Lilly Science Wing is a major building block in further developing a vital Mayor-sponsored public charter high school that meets both the long-term needs of our students and of this community," asserts Goodwill President Jim McClelland. "Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana is excited about and deeply grateful for this leadership gift."

"The Ruth Lilly Science Wing is a high priority, as we know that emerging areas of job concentration in this region are related to the health and life sciences industries. That's why we're making this significant commitment to educational emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math."

"The Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation is impressed by the Indianapolis Metropolitan High School and by Goodwill's commitment to helping to break the cycle of poverty in Indianapolis," comments Irene L. "Renie" McCutchen, a member of the foundation. "We hope that innovative teaching methods, intriguing science projects and internships, well-equipped laboratories and exposure to mentors who are passionate about their careers will inspire these young people to embrace the diverse opportunities in health and life sciences in Indianapolis and beyond."

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Mrs. McCutchen adds, "I have been impressed by the charter school movement and the many innovative ideas of charter schools."

Additionally, the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation is making it possible for approximately 60 juniors and their staff chaperones to go on a spring break trip to New York City and Washington D.C. The *Allen Whitehill Clowes Scholars* will visit the Smithsonian, Capitol Hill, Mount Vernon, the U.S. Supreme Court and the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. In New York City, their excursions will include visits to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the United Nations.

"Thanks to the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation," continues Jim McClelland, "these students will have the chance to see and experience places in person that they have only read about or seen on TV. Standing in front of the White House creates an appreciation for U.S. history that cannot be matched by watching a documentary or reading a textbook. Standing at "Ground Zero" delivers a powerful impact that makes the studies of world history seem more relevant."

Now in its fifth year, the Indianapolis Met is home to more than 300 students and will eventually serve 500. When funding is available, a gymnasium and fitness center will be a key feature of the existing complex on West Michigan Street. Scott Bess, Chief Operating Officer of Goodwill Education Initiatives, stresses, "The gym and fitness center will provide a safe, nurturing and positive atmosphere for students to engage in constructive activities after school, on weekends, and during vacations. The center also will help us combat the obesity that is far too prevalent among our student population and neighborhood youth."

For more information about Indianapolis Metropolitan High School, please call (317) 524-4638, or visit the Web site at [www.indianapolismet.org](http://www.indianapolismet.org).

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