

Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

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Goodwill adds jobs while others outsource

Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc. and CPS, Inc. are bringing business and adding jobs to the central Indiana economy even as the national trend of outsourced jobs, plant closings and stagnant employment rates continues.

Goodwill will add 10 new positions to its packaging and assembly facility to help die cut, inspect and package corrugated cake pads for CPS, Inc. of Fishers. Most of the 30 new and existing positions are designed to employ people with barriers to employment which have made it unlikely they would be able to find other positions in the current job market.

CPS manufactures the corrugated cardboard pads that commercial bakers use as pads to hold cakes and other baked goods.

The expansion at Goodwill came about when CPS was awarded a contract to deliver cake pads to Awrey Bakeries, Inc., a Michigan-based baker that produces enough baked goods to fill its 500,000 square-foot storage freezer.

A large share of the credit for winning the contract goes to Goodwill whose plant is ISO 9000, without design certified and was inspected by Awrey's prior to a final decision on the contract.

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“I had gone up to see (Awrey’s). They always feel it’s important to do a plant inspection and that we have the quality control to meet their needs,” says CPS President Jason Ray. “Goodwill has all the checks and balances. They’re clean, neat, orderly and well-structured. Awrey’s saw that Goodwill has the processes and the wherewithal to identify and correct problems.”

The contract is renewable annually and may already be leading to even more work for Goodwill and CPS.

“We just shipped two truckloads to Awrey’s and they felt comfortable enough to expand the contract. They’ve added two new items,” says Ray.

Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana is in the business of helping people find jobs and provides employment services for people who want to work. In 2003, Goodwill and its partners helped 8,790 people in central Indiana find jobs. For more information, call (317) 524-4313 or visit www.goodwillindy.org.”

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