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Goodwill Honors Man for Achieving Self-Sufficiency After Disabling Accident

Houston Leek, a northwest Indianapolis resident, will receive the Achiever of the Year award on May 6 for his success in achieving self-sufficiency after a disabling incident.

Five years ago, Houston was left a quadriplegic after a shooting that resulted from an argument over a drug deal. With the support of the Indiana Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Houston began a training program in computer graphic design at Goodwill.

Today, Houston works from his wheelchair as a graphic designer. He also is vice president of the board of directors for the Indianapolis Resource Center for Independent Living, an organization that helps people who are leaving nursing and rehabilitation facilities to live independently.

"Goodwill gave me a lot of confidence to go out and do things for myself. I'm taking classes and going to conferences to increase my advocacy skills to help people with disabilities who want to go out and live on their own," Houston said.

Additionally, one other individual and two partnerships will be recognized at Goodwill's luncheon. The full list of honorees includes:

Achiever of the Year – Houston Leek
Barbara Robinson Memorial Award – Joe Forehand

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Employer of the Year – Polk Food Services
Partner of the Year – Lincoln Technical Institute
Goodwill Store of the Year – Noblesville

Keynote speaker will be Christel DeHaan, founder, Christel House International; awards will be presented by James McClelland, president, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc., and C. Perry Griffith Jr., chairman, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

Each award presentation will include a video of the recipient. Copies for use in editing can be arranged by contacting Cindy L. Graham at (317) 524-4212 or (317) 459-4162.

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