

Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

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Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc. will offer a limited interview time with the "Goodwill Guy" on the day of the ball. Media will be accommodated for this special interview time in the order in which requests are received. To reserve your interview time with the Goodwill Guy, call Cindy Graham at the numbers listed above.

Opportunity: Interview the "Goodwill Guy" from our TV commercials

Date: Friday, April 7, 2006

Time: 1-2 p.m. and during the event after 9 p.m.

Place: Indiana Roof Ballroom, 140 West Washington Street, Indianapolis

Little Black Dress Ball to feature Goodwill Guy from TV commercials, award winners

The Little Black Dress Ball, a fund-raising event for Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc., will take place on Friday, April 7, in the Indiana Roof Ballroom, 140 W. Washington St.

The event, which runs from 6 p.m. to midnight, will feature the Goodwill Guy from the popular television commercials as master of ceremonies. Other highlights of the evening will include a silent auction and the music of the Cool City Swing Band.

The gala also will highlight the recipients of Goodwill's annual Celebration of Achievement Awards, which recognize individuals who have overcome barriers to employment and the businesses and organizations that provide employment assistance through Goodwill.

Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana helps people in central Indiana prepare for, find and keep jobs. For more information about Goodwill's services, go to www.goodwillindy.org or call (317) 524-4313.

Descriptions of individual awards follow.

News Release

Angelique Twyman will receive the **Achiever of the Year** award for her success in overcoming a poor work history and lack of a high school diploma to build a successful career as a pharmacy technician for Clarian Health Partners. Angelique, now positive and self-motivated, is taking the initiative to plan for her future, saving for college so she can further her education.

Mark Willis, who has worked in Goodwill's Commercial Services Division since 1994, will receive the **Barbara Robinson Award** for perseverance toward self-sufficiency. At the start of Mark's employment, he was unable to walk without assistance because of injuries he suffered in an automobile accident, and he exhibited chronic problems with attendance as he struggled with some personal barriers that affected his dependability and often made him late or absent from work. Now, Mark is able to walk without assistance and has learned the value of hard work. He arrives to work well before his scheduled start time, notifies staff in advance of days he needs off and has earned his way to being one of Commercial Services' top producers.

Goodwill's **Employer of the Year, Covance Central Laboratory Services**, a division of a biopharmaceutical development service company headquartered in New Jersey, has demonstrated its commitment to helping people find jobs by outsourcing to Goodwill a large variety of items to assemble and package. Through this partnership, Goodwill currently employs as many as 60 people, some of whom would not have employment at Goodwill without the variety of simpler tasks that Covance's work provides. The increased business volume relates directly to a near doubling of the number of people for whom Goodwill can provide temporary work experience, which helps them to prepare for permanent employment in the community.

Partners of the Year are the **IU School of Dentistry and the IU Physical Therapy Department**. Goodwill has maintained a partnership with both schools for the past four years to bring health-related services to Goodwill's Commercial Services employees and others at Goodwill. The Dental School has assisted nearly 50 individuals, and Goodwill has worked with an average of 10 to 15 students per school year. The Physical Therapy Department has led 60 people in participating in services to discuss health-related topics in the past three years, and Goodwill has worked with an average of 20 students per school year.

Additionally, the **Greenwood Goodwill Store** will receive the **Goodwill Store of the Year** award for its commitment to finding ways for all employees to excel in the workplace while meeting the needs of its customers. The store demonstrates how the Retail Division strives to serve Goodwill's mission – by increasing sales and by increasing the self-sufficiency of its employees and customers.

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.