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**Bikers Against Child Abuse to Collect 700+ Denim Donations from Goodwill Industries - Big Bend**

**Tallahassee, FL – May 28, 2025** – On May 30, 2025, Goodwill Industries – Big Bend will welcome representatives from Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) to the Goodwill Pensacola Street Store to mark the end of a month-long denim drive in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This event will be held from 10:00AM-11:00AM where over 700 vests and jackets will be donated in support of B.A.C.A.'s mission to empower children affected by abuse.

The vests and jackets are given to the children as a symbol of solidarity, offering support and a sense of stability. When a child first joins B.A.C.A., they receive a vest with a B.A.C.A. patch and a customized road name. In 2023 alone, more than 7,000 children between the ages of 5 and 11 experienced child abuse in Florida—including 160 cases in Leon County—reinforcing the urgent need for awareness and advocacy.

"We are glad to partner with Bikers Against Child Abuse for the second consecutive year," said Fred Shelfer, CEO/President Goodwill Big Bend. "Their mission of empowering children aligns with our commitment to strengthening the communities we serve."

Members of the organization will arrive on motorcycles to collect the donated vests and jackets. The Goodwill Pensacola Street Store is located at 2551 W Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304. For more information about the event or the donation drive, please contact (850) 394-9224.

**About Bikers Against Child Abuse**

*Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (B.A.C.A.) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. They exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. They stand ready to lend support to their wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. They work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. They desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of their organization, and that they are prepared to lend their physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and their physical presence. They stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. They do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner, however, if circumstances arise such that they are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, they stand ready to be that obstacle. For more information, visit <https://bacaworld.org/>*

**About Goodwill Industries - Big Bend**

*Goodwill Industries Big Bend is a non-profit organization serving 22 counties in Northwest Florida and South Georgia dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment to gain independence through*

*the power of work. By providing job training, employment placement services, and other community-based programs, Goodwill Industries - Big Bend helps individuals reach their full potential and achieve self-sufficiency. In 2024, Goodwill Industries – Big Bend, Inc. served about 13,000 individuals in the 22 counties GIBB serves in northwest Florida and South Georgia and kept more than 35 million pounds of product out of local landfills.*