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Goodwill Industries - Big Bend Career Resource Center Grand Opening

[Tallahassee, Fla.] – Goodwill Industries - Big Bend, Inc. announces the grand opening of a new Career Resource Center located in Springfield. Goodwill will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 19th at 4PM CT. The ceremony will be at the new Career Resource Center located at 3219 E. HWY98, Panama City, FL 32401. It will be a time for community members to come together to mark this exciting occasion.

The new Career Resource Center is Goodwill Big Bend's largest to date. At 13,000 square feet, the center houses a 140-person lecture hall, multiple computer labs and classrooms, 3 employer partner cubicles, 3 community partner cubicles and a room dedicated to Goodwill's CNA program.

Goodwill's CEO Fred Shelfer states, "For over 20 years, we have served individuals through education, training, and job placement in the Springfield area. In the last few years, the demand has outpaced our ability to accommodate the number of participants who wish to attend our classes. "

The facility will be used to offer career exploration, job search assistance, resume, interview and work readiness workshops, hiring events, and multiple training programs including CNA, bookkeeping, digital tech, and construction.

Said Springfield Mayor, Ralph Hammond, "Goodwill is a vital part of the revitalization of Springfield after the devastation left by hurricane Michael. We are pleased to welcome the new center and the services it will provide to more of our citizens."

Representatives from Goodwill Big Bend, board members, as well as members of the community will be present to celebrate the opening of the Career Resource Center and the impact it will have on the community.

For more information about the event or to request an interview, please contact Kim Gay, Chief of Staff at kgay@goodwillbigbend.org .

About Goodwill Industries - Big Bend

Goodwill Industries Big Bend is a non-profit organization 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.