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**GOODWILL RECEIVES CARF ACCREDITATION
For Community and Employment Services**

Albuquerque, NM – Goodwill Industries of New Mexico has received a three-year accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

President/CEO Mary Best announced today that CARF accredited Goodwill in Community Services, in the area of Community Services Coordination; Employment Services, in the areas of Community Employment Services (Job Development, Job Supports and Job-Site Training); and Employment Services, in the area of Organizational Employment Services. This is the eighth consecutive three-year accreditation that international accrediting body has awarded to Goodwill Industries of New Mexico.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation possible for an organization and reflects the organization’s significant conformance to CARF standards. Three-year accreditations are awarded to organizations that undergo rigorous peer review processes and demonstrate to a team of surveyors that its programs and services are of the highest quality, and are measurable and accountable.

“Receiving this accreditation affirms for our donors, our program participants and the New Mexico communities we serve that our highest priorities are transparency, excellence and respect,” said Ms. Best.

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Goodwill Industries of New Mexico was founded in 1941 with the mission to provide skill development, work opportunities and career-building services to people with barriers to employment. Goodwill defines barriers as learning disabilities, physical challenges, developmental disabilities, homeless or near homeless, extended absence from the workforce, felony history, substance abuse, domestic violence, lack of work history, transportation issues and childcare issues to name a few. Goodwill provides a wide array of programs and services to individuals in the community which help them become independent and find dignity through the power of work. Programs and services are funded by generous donations of clothes and other household items, which are sold in ten retail stores, a clearance corner and online at www.shopgoodwill.com.

For more information about Goodwill and its programs, call 881-6401 or visit www.goodwillnm.org.

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