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**GOODWILL REPORTS SUSPECTED THEFT OF AGENCY FUNDS
Internal Investigation, Audit Lead to Report of Theft to APD
Goodwill to Institute New Internal Controls**

Albuquerque, NM—In a statement released today, officials at Goodwill Industries of New Mexico have revealed that they are forwarding the results of an internal financial investigation and external audit to the Albuquerque Police Department. The investigation and audit indicate that funds have been stolen from the agency.

“A whistleblower alerted our leadership that he or she believed an individual at Goodwill was responsible for stealing funds. As soon as we heard from that whistleblower we immediately launched an internal investigation and contracted with an external forensic auditor who conducted a detailed audit,” says Goodwill Director of Business Shauna O’Cleireachain.

“Information from our investigation will be forwarded to APD for further investigation and, at their discretion, prosecution. As a result, we are unable to comment further on the details of the case,” says O’Cleireachain.

According to O’Cleireachain, internal controls are now being reviewed and strengthened to help to prevent future incidents. The agency has identified the need for a Corporate Compliance Liaison to ensure policies and procedures are followed at all times, and is receiving guidance from the forensic auditor involved in the case.

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.

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