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### **GOODWILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT FROM BANK OF AMERICA TO HELP FUND CAREER TRAINING SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES**

Los Angeles, CA, June 21, 2018 – Goodwill Southern California (GSC) announced today that it has received a generous \$20,000 grant from Bank of America to expand career training and placement services in the Los Angeles area.

The grant funds will invest in Goodwill Southern California's career training services for those individuals who are the hardest-to-place in a job. GSC serves over 31,000 job seekers every year throughout the Los Angeles area with several Career Resource Centers which provide employment services in various communities, as well as programs that serve unemployed veterans, disadvantaged youth and people with disabilities.

"We are grateful to receive this generous grant award from Bank of America to expand our employment services throughout Los Angeles. Bank of America's investment will make a big impact and help Goodwill Southern California to Transform Lives Through the Power of Work for thousands of individuals with disabilities and disadvantages in our community," said Patrick McClenahan, president & CEO, Goodwill Southern California.

"Job training and placement assistance are essential for people trying to enter the workforce, whether it's for the first time or after a bout of unemployment," said Raul A. Anaya, Los Angeles market president, Bank of America. "Goodwill Southern California has been an exemplary partner in helping the disadvantaged gain the skills and workforce experience necessary to ensure financial stability for themselves and for their community."

Goodwill Southern California is among multiple nonprofits receiving funding to help underserved people in Los Angeles chart a path toward greater economic mobility by improving access to food, shelter, benefits, career readiness resources and financial resources for families.

#### **About Goodwill Southern California**

Transforming lives through the power of work, Goodwill Southern California (GSC) serves individuals with disabilities or other vocational challenges, as well as businesses, by providing education, training, work experience and job placement services. Each year, GSC prepares and places thousands of individuals into sustainable employment through programs and services offered at three campuses, Career Resource Centers, WorkSource Centers, Deaf, Youth and Veteran Employment Programs throughout Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans Ave.),

Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC supports its mission with proceeds generated from 85 stores and 46 attended donation centers. GSC spends 95 percent of its budget on programs and services. Committed to caring for the earth, each year GSC diverts over 100 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills. For more information about Goodwill Southern California, visit [www.GoodwillSoCal.org](http://www.GoodwillSoCal.org).

### **About Bank of America**

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