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PRESS RELEASE

**GOODWILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS  
INLAND EMPIRE CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT EXCEEDS PHASE ONE GOAL**

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Los Angeles, CA, October 11, 2018 – In July 2017, Goodwill Southern California (GSC) received a generous \$3.4M grant from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to provide education, training, work experience and job placement services for job seekers in the Inland Empire with the most barriers to employment. Phase One of the project started in July 2017 and concluded in September 2018. The project has exceeded goals set forth by both San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and GSC.

In the past year, the grant funds were invested to help bridge gaps in services for job seekers with a high level of unemployment in the Inland Empire so they may achieve their self-sufficiency goals. Goodwill Southern California served and trained more than 5,900 individuals over the past year through this grant. Over 1,500 people were placed in jobs throughout the Inland Empire. GSC held forums bringing employers together to share ideas on how to launch and advance a campaign that taps into unique populations, such as individuals with disabilities, at-risk youth, veterans, those formerly incarcerated and people who are homeless. GSC hosted workshops on employment training, reintegration and transitional employment for homeless individuals, career mobility for individuals with autism and more.

“We are thrilled to partner with San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to expand our employment services throughout the Inland Empire. San Manuel and Goodwill have a shared vision and heart for this community. This investment will continue to transform many lives, as they achieve financial self-sufficiency through employment,” said Patrick McClenahan, President & CEO, Goodwill Southern California.

Goodwill Southern California’s network of programs and services to vocationally disadvantaged job seekers reach over 40,000 people every year. GSC complements the work of other social service organizations with its experience and expertise in employment, and has done so in the Inland Empire for the past 100 years. GSC operates four County/City-funded America's Job Centers of California, three Goodwill/privately funded Career Centers, three programs for veterans (including one at Fort Irwin Forward Operating Military Base), and several programs focused on serving people with disabilities, disadvantaged youth and re-entry population. For over a century, we have served over one million jobseekers in Southern California and placed tens of thousands in good jobs.

### **About The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is a federally recognized American Indian tribe located near the city of Highland, Calif. The Serrano Indians are the indigenous people of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys and mountains who share a common language and culture. The San Manuel reservation was established in 1891 and recognized as a sovereign nation with the right of self-government. As an indigenous community the origins and history of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians stem from our relationship with the land and to all who share it. Since ancient times we have expressed ourselves through a culture of giving. Today, San Manuel is able to answer the call of Yawa' (Serrano word meaning "to act on one's beliefs") through partnerships with charitable organizations. We have drawn upon our history, knowledge, expertise and cultural values to direct our philanthropic giving in our local region, as well as to Native American causes nationwide. For more information, visit <http://www.sanmanuel-nsn.gov>.

### **About Goodwill Southern California**

Transforming lives through the power of work, Goodwill Southern California (GSC) serves individuals with disabilities or other vocational challenges 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, last year GSC diverted over 100 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills. Goodwill is GOOD for Everyone!

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