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**GOODWILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NAMES
RESPECTED LOS ANGELES LEADER
PATRICK MCCLENAHAN PRESIDENT & CEO**

Craig Smith Retiring After Twelve Years With Organization

LOS ANGELES – JUNE 2, 2016 – Marking a new chapter in leadership for the 100 year history of Goodwill Southern California, the venerable community service organization announced today that Patrick McClenahan has been named President & CEO. McClenahan, who recently served as the CEO of the ultra-successful 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, replaces Goodwill’s Craig Smith who is retiring after twelve impactful years in leadership roles with the organization including COO and, most recently, four years as President and CEO. McClenahan will start in his new position on June 6, 2016.

“For the past 100 years, Goodwill Southern California has transformed the lives of people with disabilities and other barriers to employment through the power of work,” said Kathleen Johnson, Board Chair of Goodwill Southern California. “We now have the great fortune to welcome Patrick whose passion for our mission, broad vision and inspiring leadership make him uniquely qualified to take our organization to new levels of service to our community. Welcome, Patrick!”

Added Craig Smith, “It has been an honor to be part of the Goodwill family for the past twelve years. As we celebrate our 100th anniversary I could not be more pleased to have Patrick McClenahan lead this organization into its next century of service. His innovation, leadership and commitment to the Goodwill mission will position our organization for continued success in transforming lives through the power of work.”

“Having the opportunity to lead an organization that has transformed so many lives for so many years is a great honor,” stated McClenahan. “With the power of work comes independence, self-sufficiency, dignity and purpose. This mission of Goodwill combined with this dedicated staff

and the growing commitment of visionary partners in our community gives us the tremendous opportunity to make an even greater impact on the lives of those in need.”



Patrick McClenahan, a long-time media and marketing executive in the Los Angeles region, dedicated the past five years of his career to serve as President and CEO of the remarkably successful 2015 Special Olympics World Games held in Los Angeles this past summer. A true celebration of courage, determination and joy, the World Games brought together 6,163 athletes from 164 nations, the largest gathering of nations for any event in the history of Los Angeles. During the 9-day event, an unprecedented 250,000 spectators attended the opening and closing ceremonies, the festivals, and the 25 sports competitions held at venue sites throughout Greater Los Angeles. McClenahan made it the mission of the World Games to create awareness that leads to acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. Goodwill Southern California recognized these efforts this past December by honoring McClenahan for his

dedicated service and commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities at their annual Gala for Heroes.

An alumnus of the University of Southern California, McClenahan has made it a priority to provide leadership in the community having served for 11 years as Chair of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Southern California as well as currently serving on the boards of the LA84 Foundation and the Los Angeles Sports Council.

About Goodwill Southern California

Transforming lives through the power of work, Goodwill Southern California (GSC), with a workforce of nearly 3,000 serves people 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, America’s Job Centers of California, Deaf, Youth and Veteran Employment Programs throughout Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans Avenue), Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC supports its mission with proceeds generated from 82 retail stores and 47 attended donation centers. This year, Goodwill Southern California is celebrating its 100 Year Anniversary. Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator has awarded GSC its highest four-star ranking for 13 consecutive years through 2015; largely due to the fact GSC spends 95 percent of its budget on programs and services. Committed to caring for the earth, in 2015 GSC diverted 100 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills. Goodwill is Good for Everyone! For more information about Goodwill Southern California, please call (888) 4-GOODWILL or visit www.GoodwillSoCal.org