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**GOODWILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT CENTER CREATES  
MORE THAN 60 NEW JOBS IN GLASSELL PARK / ATWATER VILLAGE**

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Los Angeles, CA, February 24, 2014 – Goodwill Southern California (GSC) announced today that its new Community Enrichment Center (CEC), located in Glassell Park / Atwater Village, will create more than 60 new jobs in the area. The Center at Fletcher Square is a one-of-a-kind resource facility that will bring to one location Goodwill Southern California's top-rated career development and placement services, retail, culinary arts, and environmental service offerings, as well as access to a host of other essential social services.

In keeping with Goodwill's mission of "Transforming Lives through the Power of Work", the Center, scheduled to open in May, 2014, will increase both resources offered to the community and employment opportunities. New jobs created to operate the facility include:

Career Advisor Positions	6
Custodial / Grounds Maintenance Positions	4
Facilities Positions	4
Operations Position	1
Retail Positions	40
Security Positions	10

Many retail positions were filled during a recent recruitment on February 4 and additional positions are posting as the May Grand Opening date approaches. Job seekers may search and apply for career opportunities online at [www.goodwillsocal.org/career-services/careers-at-goodwill](http://www.goodwillsocal.org/career-services/careers-at-goodwill) or may download and e-mail their completed application to [resumes@goodwillsocal.org](mailto:resumes@goodwillsocal.org).

"The center was developed to address the unique needs of this community. The combination of jobs created combined with the no cost career counseling and placement services we offer will have a significant and very positive impact on the area," said Craig Smith, GSC's President and CEO.

The fully renovated, 135,000 square foot, full service facility will offer a wide spectrum of services that will address the employment, education, health and universal needs of the community. At Goodwill's Community Enrichment Center, individuals with disabilities and disadvantages will access free career counseling and placement services, employment preparation courses, and educational and technical skills classes.

Residents and businesses will safely and conveniently donate unwanted items and utilize environmental services such as e-waste recycling, secure shredding and document imaging. Consumers will enjoy shopping for clothing, furniture, and home goods at the Goodwill flagship retail store and clearance center, and dine at Café G, Goodwill's training café. In addition, various community organizations and government agencies will utilize the facility for meetings and events. Ultimately, the Community Enrichment Center will provide access to vital programs and services, unify the community, and act as a catalyst for individuals and families to achieve sustainable pathways out of poverty and into success.

**About Goodwill Southern California**

*Transforming lives through the power of work, Goodwill Southern California (GSC) 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, seven Career Resource Centers, three WorkSource Centers, seven Youth and two Veteran Employment Programs throughout Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans Ave.), Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC supports its mission of "Transforming lives through the Power of Work" with proceeds generated from 78 retail stores and 44 attended donation centers. Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator has awarded GSC its highest four-star ranking for 12 consecutive years; largely due to the fact GSC spends 93 percent of its budget on programs and services. Committed to caring for the earth, in 2013 GSC diverted 67.4 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](http://www.GoodwillSoCal.org).*

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