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GOODWILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA KICKS-OFF THE HALLOWEEN SHOPPING SEASON ON SEPTEMBER 7 WITH ITS HALLOWEEN BOO-TIQUES

Los Angeles, CA, September 4, 2019 – Goodwill Southern California (GSC) will officially kick-off its Halloween shopping season on Saturday, September 7 at each of its 83 retail stores. The retailer brings back its popular Halloween BOO-tiques, providing shoppers with EVERYTHING Halloween. GSC’s Halloween BOO-tiques have become known as one of Southern California’s most popular one-stop shops for finding unique and deeply discounted Halloween costumes and accessories.

Featuring Halloween-inspired costumes and accessories as well as home decor, shopping at GSC’s Halloween BOO-tiques has become an annual tradition among Southern California shoppers. Shoppers can mix and match items to craft a unique Halloween look, so they won't bump into others with the same costume on the Trick or Treat trail. Personalized costumes that shoppers create at GSC are the opposite of cookie-cutter packaged costumes found at big box or party stores. With prices gentle on the pocketbook, shoppers can afford to buy a different costume for each party they plan to attend.

Ray Tellez, Vice President of Retail Operations for GSC, describes GSC’s Halloween prep, “Our staff spends anywhere from three to five months preparing for Halloween,” says Tellez. “Each of our retail stores creates their own special Halloween Boo-tique filled with both donated and new items.”

GSC Halloween BOO-tiques will include a number of special features this year:

**Halloween Masks**
GSC will featuring a wide variety of ghoulish, garish and glamorous masks, including masquerade, steampunk, Day of the Dead, pirate and many more. Shoppers can pair a mask with a black cape and create an instant costume!

**Halloween Costume Consultants**
Each GSC Halloween Boo-tique will feature Halloween Costume Consultants, available to help shoppers create one-of-a-kind costumes that won’t bust their budget.
**The Addams Family Movie**
Goodwill is partnering with the The Addams Family movie (in theatres October 11) for some spooky fun. Stay tuned for more info!

**Halloween Costume Contest**
Goodwill SoCal will host an online costume contest that will run September 26-October 13. Customers can submit photos through GSC’s social media channels for a chance to win great prizes.

**Spotify**
Search and listen for Goodwill SoCal’s Halloween playlist on Spotify. Just a few clicks and songs like Thriller, Ghostbusters, Monster Mash and more will put everyone in the Halloween spirit. Listen up and enjoy!

**Media who wish to film Halloween costume ideas at Goodwill Southern California’s stores may contact Marla Eby, Director of Marketing & Media Relations, at meby@goodwillsocal.org.**

**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 more than 80 stores and over 40 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. Goodwill is Good for Everyone!

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