

NEWS *from Goodwill Industries Inc.*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Friday, Dec. 3, 2010)

Goodwill earns accreditation

SANDUSKY – Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties Inc. has earned accreditation for its major employment programs.

The accreditation from CARF International, an independent body that accredits agencies providing vocational rehabilitation services, is effective through November 2013, and demonstrates Goodwill’s conformance with CARF standards.

“We underwent a rigorous, on-site peer review in which a team of CARF surveyors determined that our programs and services are of the highest quality, and that’s what we strive for,” Robert M. Talcott Jr., Goodwill president and CEO, said.

Goodwill’s mission is to provide training and employment services for the disabled and disadvantaged.

Last year the Sandusky-based organization helped nearly 600 such individuals in its four-county service area.

The employment programs approved were job development, job supports and job-site training, all within CARF’s “community employment services” category.

Also accredited were Goodwill’s employment development and organizational employment services.

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“We applied for accreditation of our five most important programs and all five were approved,” Talcott said.

“We’re also very proud of the fact that this is our 11th straight, three-year accreditation.

“This is a testament to the professionalism and dedication of our staff, and even the generosity of area residents, whose donations to our retail stores help fund our programs,” he said.

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NOTE TO EDITOR: CARF formerly was known as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, but changed its official name to CARF.

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(Jan. 4, 2011)

Port Clinton resident receives Goodwill award

SANDUSKY – Port Clinton resident Steven Timmerman has been named 2010 Associate of the Year for Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties Inc.

He was the agency's October Associate of the Month and was voted the annual award by other monthly honorees and past associates of the year.

Timmerman, who works in Goodwill's marketing department, has been with the nonprofit organization nearly five years. He started as a volunteer, and later became assistant manager and then manager of Goodwill's Port Clinton retail store.

Before joining Goodwill he had done marketing for 99x FM radio station in Atlanta, Steve Madden Ltd. in New York City and Sears, Roebuck and Co., also in Atlanta.

Timmerman holds an associate's degree in retail marketing from Atlanta's Bauder College (in affiliation with Georgia State University) as well as a graphic-design certificate from Terra State Community College.

Goodwill Industries provides employment services for the disabled and disadvantaged. The agency is headquartered in Sandusky and serves portions of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky counties.

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(Friday, Jan. 21, 2011)

Kochendoerfer returns to Goodwill as COO

SANDUSKY – Eric Kochendoerfer has returned to Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties Inc. as chief operating officer.

Kochendoerfer was Goodwill's chief financial officer from 2004 until 2008.

As chief operating officer, he is responsible for the successful delivery of all Goodwill retail programs as well as the administrative functions of the nonprofit agency's accounting, human resources, information technology and marketing departments.

Before rejoining Goodwill, he had served as the financial administrator for the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation. He also has worked as an auditor for the State of Ohio and at LEWCO Inc.

The Perkins Township native has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Mount Union College and an M.B.A. degree with a concentration in organizational leadership from Findlay University.

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