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## **Goodwill Receives Top Accreditation from CARF Recertification**

**Winston-Salem, NC** – Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina has received the highest level of accreditation, during its recertification by CARF, the Commission for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Goodwill also received a special commendation, a feat achieved by only a handful of organizations around the country, for its partnerships with area community colleges. This recertification encompasses compliance with all Governance standards and accreditation in the program areas of Community Integration, Job Development, Job Supports, Job-Site Training, Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services and Employee Development Services.

Once every three years, Goodwill Industries invites CARF auditors to review its operational procedures to assess the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the people Goodwill serves.

“We are very pleased with the outcome of our CARF recertification,” said Sherry Carpenter, Goodwill VP of Workforce Development Services. “We work diligently to make sure that our programs, facilities and employees are of the highest caliber so that we can provide an innovative and secure environment to give our clients the best opportunity to succeed with dignity and respect. We are pleased to have that affirmed by the CARF survey process.”

Carpenter cites many reasons that Goodwill was able to achieve this success, including the support of its Board of Directors, executive leadership, involvement of staff members in the community, organizational values and goals, innovative partnerships and employee development.

Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina has been CARF-accredited since 1972. This most recent accreditation will extend through May 2014.

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### **GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF NORTHWEST NC**

31-county territory • 15 training sites • 35 retail stores • 2 outlet stores

40,683 people served in workforce development programs in 2010 • 5,513 people placed in jobs in 2010

*Goodwill helps people enhance their lives through training, workforce development programs and collaboration with other community organizations.*