

**Event: Anniversary of the Signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act**

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**GOODWILL INDUSTRIES MARKS SIGNING OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**  
**Nonprofit Celebrates 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Landmark Legislation**

**Bakersfield, CA** — July 26<sup>th</sup> marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Signed in 1990 by President George H. W. Bush, he called this act, “the world’s first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities”. At Goodwill Industries of South Central California we celebrate the ADA and applaud the vast progress made by people with disabilities since it was enacted.

Goodwill is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with the Mission to provide work opportunities and skills development to individuals with barriers to employment, from developmental disabilities to English-as-a-2<sup>nd</sup>-language to welfare-to-work participants. Goodwill continues it’s commitment to maximizing public benefit while minimizing public cost through the Goodwill Transitional Employment Program. This program is designed to HIRE, PROMOTE UP, and PROMOTE OUT local individuals with barriers to employment and is funded 100% through community donations – no federal, state, or grant monies are used. All of the funds generated from the sale of donated items go directly towards helping people in the Bakersfield community find employment, earn a paycheck and take care of their families. Donating is quick, easy, tax-deductible and Goodwill employees will help unload donation items.

Goodwill witnesses firsthand that, even though the ADA gave civil rights to people with disabilities, each and every day more needs to be done to help people with barriers find jobs and become independent. For more information about the programs and services offered at Goodwill Industries of South Central California, visit [www.TheGoodwill.org](http://www.TheGoodwill.org).

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