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Eu-wanda Eagans to lead Goodwill's career and job training to assist 7,000 unemployed this year



TACOMA, WA (March 28, 2019) – **Eu-wanda Eagans** will join Goodwill of the Olympics & Rainier Region as **Senior Vice President of Workforce Development**. On April 15, she assumes responsibility for the mission services of Goodwill – assisting persons with challenges to employment with free job training and placement services in a variety of career fields.

Eagans comes to Goodwill with more than 20 years of experience in workforce development, private sector business and nonprofit leadership, serving most recently as the Chief Operating Officer for Northwest Harvest in Seattle. At Northwest Harvest she oversaw operations and programs, as well as served as a public policy advocate on issues of hunger, poverty and racism, providing policy leadership on Governor Jay Inslee's Poverty Reduction Work Group.

Previously she served as the Assistant Commissioner of the Employment and Career Development Division at the Washington State Employment Security Department, overseeing the state's partnership with WorkSource. Eagans began her career in private sector business with management level positions at the General Motors Corporation in Detroit and the Energizer Battery Company in North Carolina.

Eu-wanda Eagans has an M.B.A. in General Management from Columbia University, a Bachelor of Science degree in Math from Spelman College and a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

About Goodwill of the Olympics & Rainier Region:

As a unique, nonprofit social enterprise serving 15 counties, Goodwill leverages its thrift store revenue and community support to provide the region's unemployed with free career path training, life skills education and job placement in a variety of fields. This year Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region is on track to help 7,000 people gain new skills and enhance their quality of life through entry into computer and office, culinary, construction, environmental cleanup, barista, retail, and warehouse/logistics careers. These programs are funded through generous financial gifts, public/private grants, business partnerships, revenue from our 37 thrift stores (including online sales), and salvage/recycle operations. www.goodwillwa.org

