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New leadership at Goodwill career and job training center

TACOMA, WA (September 17, 2019) – Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region is pleased to announce the promotion of **Tori Skinner to Director of Workforce Development** and **Katie Miles as Programs Manager and Administrator of Workforce Development** for the Goodwill Work Opportunity (job training) Center in Longview, Washington. Promotions occurred following the retirement in August of Carl Cecka who served as the Director of the Longview center for 5 and a half years.



“Both Katie and I are focused on expanding Goodwill’s positive impact within the community,” said Skinner. “We see opportunities to design job training curriculum in partnership with industry to produce competitive and desired job candidates. As students leave our doors, we want them walking into great jobs and an excellent quality of life here in our region, or wherever they choose to go.”

Tori Skinner has been a member of the Goodwill team since 2016 previously performing as Assistant Manager and Business Development Manager. Her work to refine job training to meet regional employer needs led to the development of many of the Center successful programs and strategic partnerships. Active in the community, Tori currently serves as Club President for the Longview Early Edition Rotary and is a member of the Kelso Longview Chamber Education Foundation Board.



Katie Miles joined Goodwill in 2014, recently overseeing the Center's young adult resources as a Youth Programs Manager. Under Katie’s leadership the Youth Programs grew from servicing an average of 50 at risk 16 to 24-year-olds annually to now exceeding 300 in 2019. Her dedication to excellence in service has resulted in the impressive increase of GED obtainments, job placements and college enrollments for countless youth in Cowlitz County.

Celebrating it’s 57th year as a nonprofit license Vocational Training Center in the Longview area, the Goodwill Work Opportunity Center proudly offers 19 programs for youth, adults and seniors and access over 25 certifications and training to the local community at no cost.

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About Goodwill of the Olympics & Rainier Region:

Our vision is that very person has the opportunity to learn, work, and thrive in all aspects of life. **Our mission** is to help people reach their fullest potential through education, job placement, and career pathway services made possible by community donations, purchases and partnerships. 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 manufacturing & warehousing careers. These programs are funded through generous financial gifts, public/private grants, business partnerships, and revenue from our 37 thrift stores (including online sales), and salvage/recycle operations. www.goodwillwa.org

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