

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESIDENT AND CEO ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT; SEARCH FIRM WILL SEEK REPLACEMENT

ORLANDO, Fla. (March 13, 2018) – After 44 years of service to Goodwill and eight years as president and CEO of [Goodwill Industries of Central Florida](#), Bill Oakley has announced his plans to retire, effective June 30. The search for Oakley’s replacement will commence immediately, led by executive search firm Korn Ferry.

Oakley joined the nonprofit in 1974, serving in leadership roles at Goodwill organizations in Savannah, Ga., and Greenville, S.C. In 2010 he took the helm of Goodwill Industries of Central Florida.

Since then Oakley has driven the nonprofit’s growth through new retail stores, donation centers and Job Connection Centers across Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake, Brevard and Volusia counties. Under his leadership, Goodwill has expanded its offerings to adapt to the community’s changing needs, adding programs to assist military veterans, the homeless and other job-seekers in need.

“Bill has dedicated his entire career to championing Goodwill’s mission of removing barriers and providing new opportunities to connect with the world of work,” said Michael Hsu, chairman of Goodwill’s board of directors. “He leaves an extraordinary legacy of leadership and service and has positioned our Goodwill for future success. I will miss him dearly and wish him the best in his next chapter of life.”

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida is the region’s third largest nonprofit by revenue, according to the *Orlando Business Journal*. In 2017, Goodwill provided more than 47,500 people with resources and training to help them find meaningful work. These services are funded by the sales of donated goods in its network of 28 retail stores.

Parties interested in the CEO search may complete an online application with Korn Ferry at <http://bit.ly/2Htr98S>.

About Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.

Since 1959, Goodwill Industries of Central Florida has provided vocational and job placement services to hundreds of thousands of people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. With 28 retail stores, 24 Donation Xpress locations and 11 Job Connection Centers in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Brevard, Lake and Volusia counties, Goodwill directly channels more than 90 percent of its annual revenue into programs that enable individuals to secure long-term employment and become self-sufficient. For more information about Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, visit www.goodwillcfl.org, “like” Goodwill Industries of Central Florida on Facebook or follow @goodwillcfl on Twitter.