

**GOODWILL MODIFIES DROP-OFF PROTOCOL,
ENCOURAGES DONORS TO HOLD DONATIONS**

Nonprofit Asks Donors to Refrain from Leaving Donations Unattended

ORLANDO, Fla. (April 3, 2020) – Due to limited hours and staffing, [Goodwill Industries of Central Florida](#) is encouraging donors to hold donations until the stores return to normal operating hours. For those who would still like to donate items in the interim, the nonprofit has modified its donation drop-off protocol and is currently accepting items only at its Donation Xpress locations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Large items and truck-load donations will only be accepted at the Taft-Vineland Warehouse.

Out of an abundance of caution for employees and shoppers, and in accordance with increased restrictions and guidance from the state, counties and Center for Disease Control, Goodwill's 29 retail stores are temporarily closed. The nonprofit is asking that donors refrain from leaving donations unattended outside its retail stores.

“Donations are a foundational component of our mission to build lives that work,” said Kim Pranievicz, senior director of marketing and communications of Goodwill Industries of Central Florida. “We are incredibly grateful to donors who are still thinking of us at this challenging time – especially because their donations will be needed more than ever as we continue our mission of creating jobs in our local community. That said, while we are still accepting donations at our Donation Xpress locations, we are encouraging donors to hold items until we return to normal operating hours. Most importantly, we ask that donors not leave items unattended outside our temporarily closed retail stores, as they may be damaged by the elements.”

For a list of Donation Xpress locations or more information about donations accepted by Goodwill, visit goodwillcfl.org/donate.

About Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.

Since 1959, Goodwill Industries of Central Florida has provided vocational and job placement services to tens of thousands of people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. With 29 retail stores and 22 Donation Xpress locations 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” GoodwillCFL on Facebook or follow @goodwillcfl on Twitter.