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## **Goodwill®, partners to host expungement clinics for job seekers with background challenges**

**Louisville, KY** – Goodwill Industries of Kentucky is partnering with multiple community organizations—Kentucky Department of Corrections Reentry Division, UnitedHealthcare, and Legal Aid Society—to host an expungement clinic in Louisville, KY. The event will be held January 25 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Goodwill Center for Education & Employment, located at 909 E. Broadway.

The partnering agencies will be guiding participants through the expungement process, including running record checks, reviewing charges that qualify for expungement, and beginning paperwork for the expungement. If an individual's income level qualifies them for the services of Legal Aid, the process will be of no charge to the participant. If an individual does not qualify for Legal Aid based on income, additional attorneys will be available to review alternative options.

“Goodwill works hard every day to support people who want to work, but need help getting a foot in the door or simply a second chance,” said Amy Luttrell, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Kentucky. “We’re proud to have strong partners working by our side so Kentuckians can work towards realizing their potential when given an opportunity.”

Participants of the expungement clinic will also have access to multiple community resources, several employers, and information about Goodwill's Soft Skills Academy—a series of free classes teaching critical skills that employers look for as they seek to fill open positions. After completing skills classes, participants earn Work Ready Certificates and are paired with career coaches to further prepare for and secure employment, ensuring that the job seeker's skills are matched appropriately with an employer's needs and requirements. After placement, Goodwill career coaches stay engaged with both the employee and employer to assist with any issues that could put the individual's employment at risk.

For safety, an inclement weather procedure will be in place. If the county school system is cancelled on the day of an expungement fair, the fair will be cancelled as well.

For more information about the expungement clinics, contact Dennis Ritchie at 502-585-5221 Ext. 2201 or [dennis.ritchie@goodwillky.org](mailto:dennis.ritchie@goodwillky.org).

### **About Goodwill Industries of Kentucky**

In the 2018 fiscal year, Goodwill placed Kentuckians into more than 2,600 jobs across the state – both inside and outside of Goodwill. Goodwill's career path programs and employment services, which serve Kentuckians who have disabilities or other challenges, are funded through a combination of grants, corporate and individual giving, and its retail stores, which sell donated clothing and household items at 65 locations across Kentucky.