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OF NORTH LOUISIANA, INC.

*"Improving People's Lives Through the Power of Work!"*

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### NEED A JOB? NEED A BETTER JOB?

Goodwill<sup>®</sup> Workshops Help People Find and Keep Jobs!

**SHREVEPORT—February 5, 2009**—Natchitoches Parish residents looking to improve their lives through work can receive FREE job training and placement services through **Goodwill Industries<sup>®</sup>**!

**Goodwill<sup>®</sup> Employment Solutions (GES)**, the Employment and Training Division of **Goodwill Industries<sup>®</sup> of North Louisiana**, helps people change their lives by teaching them how to find and keep a job. By means of workshops held throughout North Louisiana, **Goodwill<sup>®</sup>** provides basic training and job placement services for people looking for a fresh start right in their own backyard. In 2007, **Goodwill Industries<sup>®</sup> of North Louisiana** helped 510 people find jobs in local communities.

On **Tuesday, February 17, 2009**, **Goodwill<sup>®</sup> Employment Solutions (GES)** is hosting a Job Access Workshop from **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (noon)** at the **City of Natchitoches Housing Authority**, located at 537 Culbertson Road in **Natchitoches, LA**.

These innovative **Goodwill<sup>®</sup>** workshops are designed to increase job readiness skills and help people become independent and active citizens through employment. Training includes: Finding jobs, résumé writing, communications skills, interview skills, proper interview attire/appearance, conflict resolution, time management, negotiation skills, and more. All participants will also be provided with individualized placement assistance and interview referrals to help them find appropriate employment throughout the community.

Workshops are **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** Seating is limited. Workshops and placement services are **FREE!** To register for the Natchitoches Workshop, please call (318) 352-9707. For more information on workshop topics and placement services, call **Goodwill**<sup>®</sup> at (888) 263-4001 or (318) 868-4701.

The Outreach Placement Programs of **Goodwill**<sup>®</sup> **Employment Solutions (GES)** are supported in part through the **United Way of Northwest Louisiana**. For additional information on these community partnerships, contact Jessie Schmidt at (318) 869-2575.

***ABOUT GOODWILL INDUSTRIES<sup>®</sup> OF NORTH LOUISIANA, INC.***

Goodwill Industries<sup>®</sup> of North Louisiana, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency that serves people with workplace disadvantages and disabilities by providing job training and employment services, as well as job placement opportunities and post-employment support. Goodwill Industries<sup>®</sup> of North Louisiana is a member of Goodwill Industries<sup>®</sup> International (GII) and the United Way of Northwest Louisiana, affiliated with NISH (formerly known as National Industries for the Severely Handicapped), and accredited for its adult job development, job supports, and job-site training programs by CARF (formerly the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities). Goodwill Industries<sup>®</sup> of North Louisiana is also a member of the Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations (LANO) and certified through its ethics and accountability program, the Louisiana Standards of Excellence.

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