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National Disability Employment Awareness Month - RFW Applauds Local Business for Employment Efforts

Goodwill Industries of South Central Wisconsin, Inc. supported employment program has provided opportunities to individuals with disabilities in Madison for over 45 years.

Madison, WI October 10, 2008 – Since 1962, Goodwill Industries of South Central Wisconsin, Inc., a local nonprofit agency dedicated to providing services for individuals with disabilities or other barriers to independence in Dane and surrounding counties, has been a critical player in developing and supporting employment opportunities in the State of Wisconsin.

Overtime, Goodwill Industries of South Central Wisconsin, Inc. has seen several success stories. Linda Jones, one of the many Goodwill Industries' clients to experience the great benefits as a result of the employment services offered, gained employment as a Pharmacy Technician Aide at Meriter Hospital more than 25 years ago. As a Pharmacy Technician Aide, Linda receives boxes packed with a wide variety of pre-packaged pharmacy items. She's responsible for matching the product codes and placing the correct label on them. The coded item as are then re-packaged and placed into inventory. When asked about Linda's success in her role, Paul Schoeneman, her daily job coach states; "The quality of her work and her productivity are great! She's always willing to help her co-workers if they need help of any kind."

According to Joy O'Brien, Director of Marketing & Communications at RFW, "Without companies like Goodwill Industries of South Central Wisconsin, Inc., individuals with disabilities or other barriers to independence might not have opportunities such as these encouraging them to expand their skills and gain specialized training to transition into community-based employment."

Goodwill Industries of South Central Wisconsin, Inc. provides a wide variety of services to individuals with disabilities or other barriers to independence including; residential programs, employment services, crisis assistance, human services training and many other services dependent on need. In 2007, Goodwill Industries served 287 individuals every day, 163 of which related specifically to the employment services sector.

In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, RFW is pleased to acknowledge Goodwill Industries of South Central Wisconsin, Inc. in their efforts to support individuals with disabilities or other barriers to independence.

About RFW:

Rehabilitation For Wisconsin, Inc. (RFW) is a statewide nonprofit membership association located in Madison, Wisconsin. Their members consist of over 50 organizations and other individuals dedicated to addressing the employment, residential and community support needs of people with disabilities or other barriers to independence. RFW provides leadership, advocacy, education and other services to its members and works to build strong partnerships between community rehabilitation programs, public policy makers and the community of people with disabilities in Wisconsin. For more information about RFW and their members, please visit our website at www.rfw.org.

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