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Goodwill and Horizon House Merge to Expand Hope and Services for Hoosiers Experiencing
Homelessness

The merger will result in growth of services for the community

Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana and Horizon House, both local not-for-profit organizations, announced today that they have entered an agreement to merge resources to grow services offered to the most vulnerable Hoosiers.

For over 37 years, Horizon House has provided Indianapolis Hoosiers experiencing homelessness with integrated, comprehensive services so they can secure and maintain permanent, safe and supportive housing, a key to achieving personal and professional stability. Horizon House has also offered basic services such as, day shelter, restrooms, showers, laundry, clothing, nourishment and mail delivery to neighbors which help a person maintain their dignity while working to address the individual's long-term goals.

Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana has been serving Hoosiers for nearly 100 years. As a local not-for-profit, Goodwill offers a variety of employment, education and health services geared toward helping individuals and families become economically self-sufficient.

"We are extremely excited to join forces with Horizon House to help scale the amazing work that has been done for almost four decades here in Indianapolis," said Kent Kramer, president and CEO of Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana. "The need for housing, day services and permanent supportive housing continues to grow for many in Indianapolis. This blending of our resources positions us well to proactively address these issues," Kramer added.

"Horizon House has always been a place where people experiencing homelessness can find help, hope, and dignity," said Sherry Seiwert, Horizon House board chair. "This merger with Goodwill allows us to keep that promise — and grow it — so we can serve even more neighbors in need."

To ensure Horizon House's mission and that trusted relationships remain at the heart of this work, Goodwill has selected Lillian Herbers-Kelly as the new Senior Director of Horizon House. Herbers-Kelly has served as Horizon House's Director of Housing since 2018 and brings extensive experience in managing scattered-site permanent supportive housing programs, overseeing 200+ Housing Choice Vouchers during her tenure.

Together, the two organizations will grow and expand the services offered. The goal is to meet neighbors where they are and provide hope and housing opportunities for more Hoosiers as individuals and families work towards reaching their goals and long-term self-sufficiency.

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About Horizon House

Horizon House is Central Indiana's trusted partner and advocate for neighbors experiencing homelessness, helping them achieve long-term stability and self-sufficiency. As a full-service agency, Horizon House connects neighbors with integrated services that provide help, hope, and housing opportunities. At its downtown location, Horizon House offers a safe space and essential day services — from showers and laundry to mail delivery and meals — always delivered with dignity and respect. As part of this new affiliation, Horizon House's downtown location and day services will continue, ensuring neighbors have a trusted place to turn as they take steps toward a more stable life. Learn more at www.horizonhouse.cc.

About Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana

Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana changes lives every day by empowering people to increase their independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment. The organization serves 40 Indiana counties and operates more than 75 retail locations, as well as contract manufacturing services, charter schools for adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more. For more information, visit goodwillindy.org.