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## **New Store Coming to Bakersfield**

On **Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**, Goodwill Industries of South Central California will open its sixth store in Bakersfield! Since Goodwill opened its doors for the first time in Kern County in 1964, the mission has been to provide work opportunities and skills development to people with barriers to employment. Goodwill strives to ensure that every person in Kern, Kings and southern Tulare counties has the opportunity to achieve his/her full potential through the power of work.

The new store is located on the Southeast corner of Ming Avenue and Ashe Road, taking the place of the former Orchard Supply building. This Goodwill will occupy approximately 18,000 sq. ft. of the building and employ 28 people.

"We look forward to expanding our footprint in Bakersfield and continuing to make an impact through the power of work," said Sheryl Chalupa, President & CEO of Goodwill Industries of South Central California.

This store is now accepting donations, and neighbors are encouraged to drop by with theirs, providing jobs and helping change lives in this community.

The following week, on **Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, GISCC will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially celebrate the Grand Opening of this new store. Elected officials, Chamber representatives, employees and citizens will join Goodwill staff for this event, and media are invited to participate in the celebration of this new Goodwill store.

### **Ming & Ashe Soft Opening**

Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Store hours: 10am – 8pm  
Donation hours: 8am – 7pm

### **Ming & Ashe Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am – 10:30am

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Goodwill was founded in 1902 and currently has 162 independent, local locations across the United States and Canada. Goodwill strives to enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals and families by helping people reach their full potential through education, skills training and the power of work.

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