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## Markous Jewett Joins Goodwill Industries of Arkansas as Vice President of Mission Services and Superintendent of The Excel Center®



LITTLE ROCK, Ark (November 3, 2020) — Goodwill Industries of Arkansas is proud to welcome Markous Jewett as the organization's Vice President of Mission Services and Superintendent of The Excel Center.

Jewett comes to Goodwill from Indiana, where he served as the Executive Director of Career Coaching and Employer Connections at Ivy Tech Community College. Prior to his employment there, he was the National Director of The Excel Center National Office. The Excel Center is a high school for adults ages 19 and older.

"I'm excited to be here and to have the privilege to work with the wonderful team at Goodwill Industries of Arkansas as they continue to offer life-changing opportunities to all Arkansans through education, training, and employment," Jewett said.

In addition to overseeing operations of The Excel Center in Arkansas, Jewett will head Goodwill's programs and mission services, including:

- The Academy at Goodwill (Goodwill's private post-secondary career school)
- Reentry Services
- Disability Services
- Career Services

Jewett is married to his wife, Ashley. They have three children.

## **About Goodwill Industries of Arkansas**

Goodwill Industries of Arkansas is dedicated to changing lives through education, training and employment. Goodwill runs The Excel Center, the first tuition-free high school for adults 19 and older, with life coaches, drop in childcare and transportation assistance. The 501(c)(3) non-profit organization also runs robust reentry program for those returning from incarceration. Fewer than 6% of those who complete the program return to prison. In addition, The Academy at Goodwill is a state licensed private post-secondary career school that offers a variety of certifications for high-demand careers. Goodwill's economic impact on Arkansas was \$200,000,000 in the last fiscal year.