



GII President and CEO Attends Goodwill Association Meetings, Speaks at Goodwill Columbus Luncheon (10/20/08)

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Since mid-September, GII President and CEO Jim Gibbons has attended a number of Goodwill® events across the United States to meet with Goodwill professionals and learn more about what is happening at the local agencies.

In the past month, Gibbons has attended meetings of the:

- * California Council of Goodwills.
- * Mid-Atlantic Goodwill Industries Association.
- * Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries.
- * Pennsylvania Association of Goodwills.
- * Southeast Association of Goodwills.
- * Southwestern Association of Goodwills.

In addition to the association meetings, Gibbons recently visited Goodwill Columbus (OH) and served as keynote speaker for its 20th annual Extraordinary People luncheon, an event in which the Goodwill honors its participants, supporters and volunteers. This year's luncheon raised \$90,000, and more than 600 community leaders came out to support Goodwill.



On October 13, Columbus ABC affiliate WSYX-TV previewed the event and spoke with Gibbons about Goodwill's mission.

"Our mission and the demands for our mission are ever increasing in these tough economic times," Gibbons said.

WSYX-TV reported that Goodwill Columbus provides 1.2 million hours of service each year for individuals with mental and developmental disabilities.

Though WSYX-TV did not post the interview to its web site, the GII Member Services Center has a copy of the broadcast. For more information, contact GII Media Relations Manager [Lauren Lawson](#).

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