

Goodwill of Ventura, Santa Barbara counties launches retail job training program

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OXNARD, Calif. - Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties will launch a training program this week aimed at helping new and experienced retail workers achieve financial and career goals.

The organization is one of eight Goodwill agencies to launch the Careers in Retail Initiative, which is funded by a two-year, \$3 million grant from the Walmart Foundation to Goodwill Industries International. The program aims to help employees advance to midlevel positions in the retail, tourism, hospitality and food and beverage industries.



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“Creating career advancement opportunities benefits not only workers in our area but our local economy by creating a stronger workforce,” said Katherine Leahy, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries. “We are thrilled at the opportunity to partner with local employers, training providers, government agencies and other nonprofit organizations to improve career pathways for experienced people working in retail and in adjacent sectors of the local economy.”

The program is free and open to the public. Classes start at the beginning of each month. Employers are also invited to participate.

For more information, go to the Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties website at www.goodwillvsb.org.

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