

## Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

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### **Eastside Indianapolis resident to be honored May 20 for embracing his second chance**

**Vic King**, an eastside Indianapolis resident, will be honored May 20 as Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana's Achiever of the Year. The award is presented to honor an outstanding person who has shown great progress and accomplishment in overcoming barriers to employment.

For Vic King, a second chance was what he needed to change his life dramatically. Vic, now a forklift driver at the Goodwill Outlet Store-East, came to Goodwill through a work release program. He had been incarcerated for selling drugs, and his daughters were taken and placed in foster care. To regain custody, he took parenting classes while in prison.

After his release, Vic was hired full-time and regained custody of his daughters. "I still have my kids, and I'm still working," Vic says proudly. "Goodwill has helped me along the way by giving me steady employment so I don't have to get back out there in the streets."

Vic now embraces opportunities. He enrolled in Goodwill services and has set goals and plans for his life, including starting a savings and college funds for his daughters. Now, he also is working toward completing his high school education at The Excel Center, a public charter school operated by Goodwill Education Initiatives.

Vic says he is motivated every day by how his life has changed. "I want people to know that you can learn from your mistakes, and you can further your education no matter how old you get," he says. "To have a second chance is great because it makes you look at all the things around that you want to do better."

Vic will receive the award at this year's Celebration of Achievement Awards Breakfast at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 20, at the JW Marriott, 10 S. West St., in downtown Indianapolis. Tickets for this event are \$25 each or \$200 for a table of eight. To make reservations, please visit [www.goodwillindy.org/breakfast](http://www.goodwillindy.org/breakfast) or call (317) 524-4528.

The Excel Center is a mayor-sponsored public charter high school operated by Goodwill Education Initiatives, Inc., that opened in September 2010. The center provides adults the opportunity and support to earn a high school diploma. For more information, visit [www.theexcelcenter.org](http://www.theexcelcenter.org) or call (317) 524-4141.

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