

## Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

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### **Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center to be honored May 20 with Goodwill's Employment Connections Award**

The **Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center** will be honored May 20 with Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana's Employment Connections Award. This award honors employers that have demonstrated outstanding concern for persons who have barriers to employment and have taken action to provide employment assistance through Goodwill.

For more than 10 years, the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center has worked with Goodwill Industries to develop opportunities for people with disabilities through a service contract with the federal government under Ability One, a program established by Congress to increase employment opportunities for people with severe disabilities.

"At the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, we provide health care to the Veteran, such as surgical, medical, psychiatric and rehab, both inpatient and outpatient," said Sylvia Clark, Assistant Chief, Environmental Management Service for the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center. "However, to provide good health care, we have to have a clean hospital. Goodwill provides services in our outpatient department as well as in our administrative areas in keeping the hospital clean."

Today, the contract has grown to provide employment for more than 65 individuals – most of whom have significant disabilities. Employees provide 24-hour, 365-day-a-year janitorial services for 300,000 square feet at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center's main campus on 10th Street and for portions of the center's Cold Spring Road and optical lab locations.

"The Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center has worked with Goodwill over a long time and through these contracts has provided a lot of opportunities for people with significant disabilities to have a good job, good wages and good benefits in the community," says Frank Langan, director of operations for Goodwill Commercial Services.

Personnel at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center have demonstrated their commitment in working with Goodwill and understand the value of the relationship.

"The relationship between the Goodwill Industries and the VA Medical Center is a win-win in that it helps hire veterans, it helps keep the hospital clean and it provides jobs to those that Goodwill serves," Sylvia says.

The Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center 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.

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