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**GOODWILL CELEBRATES WITH THE GRADUATION OF ITS
SUMMER 2007 CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING CLASS**

LONG BEACH, CA – JULY 27, 2007 – Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County held graduation ceremonies today for its Summer 2007 Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) class at Goodwill's Main Facility at 800 W. PCH in Long Beach.

Receiving certificates of completion today were: Riva Mcgee, Samantha Hill, Domonique Edison, and Lisa Jones, all Long Beach residents. The program provides classroom, clinical training and prepares students to qualify to take the State of California Certified Nursing Assistant exam or other healthcare related tests. "Accredited units may be earned toward the LVN and RN programs at Long Beach City College and California State University at Long Beach," said Ben Espitia, Director of Workforce Development.

Sponsored by Cambrian Home Care, Goodwill Board of Trustees and in partnership with the County of Los Angeles, Long Beach Regional Occupational Program and the California State University Long Beach nursing program, this course opens the door to a career in the healthcare industry.

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Goodwill's next C.N.A. class, which is already filled with 35 students, will begin on September 5. The next training cycle will be enrolling students this October for the Medical Core (Phase I) that begins in mid January 2008.

Goodwill's Workforce Development Department developed the C.N.A. program in 2005, at Carmelitos, a transitional housing community. This year Goodwill expanded the program by enrolling interested residents living outside the housing community as well as those residing at Carmelitos.

"This program is open to low income youth, between the ages of 18-to-21, who live in Long Beach or Signal Hill," said LaVont'e Jackson, Goodwill's Employment Services Coordinator, "and is also open to low income residents who live in southern Los Angeles County."

An entry eligibility criterion does apply for the C.N.A. training: no felonies; must have an 8th grade reading and math level; be a resident of Southern Los Angeles County; and must be 18 years of age or older. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact LaVont'e Jackson at (562) 435-3411, Ext. 277.

Goodwill serves the people of Southern Los Angeles County as a community resource providing job training and employment placement services to individuals with barriers to employment.