

GOODWILL-EASTER SEALS MINNESOTA 1270 Energy Ln, St. Paul, MN 55108

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MEDIA ALERT

Goodwill-Easter Seals MN opens new Career and Services Campus

Grand Opening November 4, 2025

WHO:

- Michael Wirth-Davis, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota, President & CEO
- Steven Preston, Goodwill Industries International, President & CEO
- Kendra Davenport, Easterseals, President & CEO
- Kortney Cartwright, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota Board Chair, Director of Strategic Partnerships at BCforward

WHAT:

- Grand opening of new Career and Services Campus for Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota
 - o Presentation: City of St. Paul's Proclamation for Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota Career & Services Day

WHEN: Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 8-10 a.m.

- 8 a.m. Refreshments: light breakfast buffet
- 8:30 a.m. Ribbon-cutting and presentation
- 9-10 a.m. Tours and networking

WHERE: 1270 Energy Lane, St. Paul, 55108

WHY:

Studies show there are at least two vacancies for every person in search of a job. At the same time, people seeking quality jobs face significant challenges when pursuing the skills and resources needed to get hired. Building on over a century of service as one of Minnesota's largest workforce development providers, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota (GESMN) is excited to open its new space to create career possibilities together! GESMN is growing to meet the demands of both a changing workforce and technological advancements.

NEW CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Auto workshop with vehicle hoists and dedicated classroom space
- Construction workshops and flexible classrooms for young adults and adults
- Clean technology workshops and classrooms for new programs in solar panel installation, heat pump installation and electric vehicle support equipment repair
- Three computer labs to promote digital literacy skill-building
- Flexible small group meeting spaces
- Large multi-purpose conference rooms for hosting small and medium-sized events
- Mural by Twin Cities' artist Kada Goalen
- Roughly 100,000 square feet, former Kemps headquarters (50,000 square feet is leased to tenant All Solar Energy

ABOUT GOODWILL-EASTER SEALS MINNESOTA

Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides career training and support to eliminate barriers to work and independence. Every year we serve over 5,000 people, creating career possibilities together with customized services that include industry-specific training, family support, career navigation and strategies for long-term job retention. Proceeds from thrift retail, reuse and recycling operations, e-commerce, grants and financial contributions fund nearly 20 services that help Minnesotans get equitable access to jobs and advance in the workforce. Shopping and donating items to your neighborhood Goodwill helps divert over 65 million pounds from Minnesota's landfills annually and has helped us people connect to jobs since 1919. Visit www.gesmn.org or follow @goodwillmn.