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PALMETTO EXCEL CENTER TO HOST RIBBON CUTTING AND BLOCK PARTY

Events to be held at Trident Technical College's Thornley Campus in North Charleston on August 17

North Charleston, SC – The Palmetto Excel Center will host a ribbon cutting ceremony from 3 - 4 p.m., followed by a community block party, open to the public from 4 - 7 p.m.

The ribbon cutting ceremony, from 3 – 4 p.m., will include community dignitaries and education advocates, joined by both Palmetto Excel Center and Palmetto Goodwill's Boards and staff. This ceremony will take place at the Palmetto Excel Center on Trident Technical College's Thornley Campus at 7000 Rivers Avenue, Building 200, North Charleston, SC 29406.

From 4 – 7 p.m., everyone is invited to attend a community block party at Trident Technical College in North Charleston. Food, beverages, and treats will be offered while supplies last. An assortment of activities and family fun will also be available, plus a local DJ to celebrate the upcoming launch of South Carolina's first 21 and over public charter high school.

Tours of the Palmetto Excel Center and interview opportunities will be available with: Palmetto Excel Center Director Dr. Ruth Chambers-Turner and Palmetto Goodwill President and CEO Brian Itzkowitz.

About Palmetto Excel Center

Palmetto Excel Center is a tuition-free adult charter high school for adults 21 and over living in South Carolina. Located in North Charleston, the Palmetto Excel Center follows a national model of Goodwill Excel Centers aligned in removing students' barriers to earn a high school diploma. Palmetto Excel Center offers no cost drop-in childcare, transportation assistance, academic coaching, and college or career readiness. Visit <u>palmettoexcel.org</u> to learn more or enroll.

About Palmetto Goodwill

Palmetto Goodwill is a non-profit social enterprise whose mission is changing lives by providing equitable access to training, education, and employment. In operation since 1979, Palmetto Goodwill operates 33 thrift stores/donation centers, 9 Career Opportunity Centers and 17 commercial/government contracts to support its mission throughout its 18-county territory. To learn more visit <u>palmettogoodwill.org</u>