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PALMETTO GOODWILL EXPANDS I-CAN REENTRY PROGRAM INTO HORRY COUNTY

Program provides no-cost career services and paid job training to justice-involved individuals.

North Charleston, SC – Palmetto Goodwill announces the expansion of its I-CAN Reentry Program to the Grand Strand region where justice-involved residents of Horry County seeking competitive employment can gain work experience and career services at no cost.

First launched in North Charleston, SC in 2023, the I-CAN Reentry Program includes 12 weeks of paid training paired with client-based support, designed specifically for justice-involved individuals aged 18-years or older.

Program participants will spend the first two weeks in classroom training, learning how to grow employability skills such as creating a resume, preparing job applications, and learning positive workplace practices. After completing classroom training, participants are placed at a Palmetto Goodwill worksite to gain experience and additional coaching.

Horry County residents interested in the program should visit <u>palmettogoodwill.org/ican</u> to apply online or visit a Palmetto Goodwill <u>Career Opportunity Center</u> in-person. The program also offers a peer support network and follow-up services with the goal of securing sustainable employment with an employer after program completion.

This April, Palmetto Goodwill recognizes <u>Second Chance Month</u> with the U.S. Department of Justice, shedding light on the importance of supporting individuals with justice-involved backgrounds through reentry with meaningful opportunities to build life and career success.

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, nine Career Opportunity Centers and 15 commercial/government contracts to support its mission throughout its 18-county territory. To learn more visit palmettogoodwill.org