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GOODWILL PUMPS \$200K INTO LOCAL NONPROFITS, EXPANDS COMMUNITY IMPACT

NORTH CHARLESTON, SC (AP) — Palmetto Goodwill will award \$200,000 in grants to eight Charleston-area nonprofits on Dec. 2, marking a significant expansion of its community investment strategy.

The nonprofit will announce grant recipients during a 9 a.m. presentation at its administrative office, 2150 Eagle Drive, Building 100. Grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$50,000 will support organizations working in housing, transportation, education and childcare.

Selected nonprofits include <u>Charleston Neighborhood Promise</u>, <u>Kids on Point</u>, <u>Charleston Moves</u>, <u>Neighbors</u> <u>Together</u>, <u>SHIELD Ministries</u>, <u>Beyond Our Walls</u>, <u>Keys to Change</u> and <u>Warrior WOD</u>.

"Our Community Investment Fund isn't just about financial support – it's about empowering local nonprofits to transform lives and build stronger, more resilient communities," said Brian Itzkowitz, Palmetto Goodwill president and CEO. "By investing in these collaborative partnerships, we're multiplying our impact and creating pathways to meaningful employment, skills development, and economic independence for those who need it most."

The organization will also announce plans to expand its Community Investment Fund into Orangeburg in 2025.

Media opportunities will be available with Itzkowitz, vice president of Mission Services Mary Ann Gilmer and grant recipients.

The Community Investment Fund, launched in July, initially invited 17 local organizations to apply through a competitive process involving presentations and committee reviews.

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 32 thrift stores/donation centers, 11 Career Opportunity Centers and 14 commercial/government contracts to support its mission throughout its 18-county territory. To learn more visit <u>palmettogoodwill.org</u>