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Join Goodwill of Greater Washington in Celebration of National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day

Washington, D.C. – Every year, during the month of October, Goodwill of Greater Washington joins hundreds of organizations across the United States in recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

This campaign is an opportunity to educate our nation's workforce, facilitate discussion about disability employment issues, and lift up the countless contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year we celebrate both the 75th anniversary of NDEAM and the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The NDEAM theme for 2020 is *"Increasing Access and Opportunity"*.

To kick off the celebration Goodwill will also be acknowledging Custodial Worker's Recognition Day on October 2nd.

National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day encourages appreciation to the employees who keep our schools and workplaces across the nation running smoothly.

Custodial workers operate behind the scenes. They are often under-appreciated for the hard work they do day after day. These are the personnel keeping schools, hospitals, office buildings, museums, churches, and other buildings clean and well maintained.

While delivering outstanding services and running a well-maintained building, they contribute to critical first impressions and the success of any business. They're the people we call on to give our brick and mortar businesses a polished look. The bank, schools, and office buildings look organized and presentable because custodial workers efficiently keep everything in top condition. Additionally, their skill saves businesses and organizations money. Well-maintained carpets and surfaces last longer. Seasonal updates and maintenance help buildings to run more efficiently,

too. Custodial workers make sure buildings are ready for each season and running correctly. As a result, the buildings are safer and healthier for those entering them.

80% of the man hours worked at Goodwill government contract sites, which consist of predominantly custodial work, are done by people with significant disabilities. So NDEAM and National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day create the perfect opportunity for Goodwill to celebrate the achievements and hard work of our custodial associates.

To learn more about Goodwill's contracts division and the AbilityOne Program please visit <https://www.dcgoodwill.org/employment/contract-services/>.

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About Goodwill of Greater Washington: Goodwill of Greater Washington has been transforming lives and communities through the power of education and employment since 1935.