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Honoring “Where There Is A Will...There Is A Way”

While we are a couple of months into the New Year, this month marked the kick off of our New Year with our annual dinner, board installation and annual awards event at the Toyota Auto Museum in Torrance.

We had nearly 150 in attendance and members of our Goodwill Board presented to the attendees the wonderful work produced by you all for the year ending 2011. Also announced were our 2011 honorees! I thought you all might like to know a bit about each of them and congratulate them when and if your paths cross.

The George Kiriya Community Adult School is the Community Partner of the Year for 2011.



Their mission statement reads: “The staff of George Kiriya Community Adult School are dedicated to working with our diverse populations to identify needs and develop resources to serve our various student communities.”

And indeed, they have done so with. Since January 2010, they've provided a State of California certified GED instructor and approved GED curriculum for our participants. More than 200 area residents have received free GED services at Goodwill's main campus, with 30 of these individuals passing their State of California GED certification test!

In January 2011, we launched the Medical Coding and Insurance Billing training program, a new training program in the growing health care industry sector. Two cohorts have graduated through this program with 15 participants currently enrolled in externship sites throughout southern Los Angeles County.

Securitas Security Services USA is the Employer Partner of the Year (Loss Prevention) for 2011.



2012 marks the tenth year that Securitas has been an employer partner with Goodwill. Securitas has proven to be an extremely valuable supporter of our Loss Prevention Training Program. In 2011, Securitas hired 11 participants, the most number of any other Loss Prevention employer. Securitas staff provide feedback as to the quality of participants trained and how to better provide training services to meet the real world needs of Loss Prevention employers. Securitas' staff attended every Loss Prevention job fair and mini-job fairs held for other Goodwill training programs.

Attentive Home Care is the Employer Partner of the Year (Health Care) for 2011.



They have hired many of Goodwill's graduates and last year hired 10 individuals, which is the most hired of any other Health Care employer. Its staff has been key in introducing the Goodwill health care training program to other local health care providers.

They have facilitated several mini-job fairs and provided lunch and refreshments. Their efforts resulted in additional job placements with other health care providers.