



To Whom It May Concern:

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. has been a leader in serving people with disabilities and disadvantages in Southwest Florida for 52 years. In 2017, Goodwill supported nearly 28,000 community members through training courses, job placement, and family strengthening service.

Goodwill sees much value in Keiser University and the support it has provided to the community over the last 40 years. Members of Goodwill's leadership team proudly serve on Keiser University advisory boards. It is evident in these meetings that Keiser University values their relationships with the local agencies and businesses.

Goodwill has had the pleasure of serving as a Level 1 Fieldwork Site for the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program. The OTA program, as do most programs at Keiser University, prepares students by offering experiential learning opportunities. These experiences allow students to develop and facilitate groups, explore the role of occupational therapy, and prepare for the work environments they will be entering post-graduation.

Keiser University has opened its doors on many occasions over the last 5 years for Goodwill. Multiple programs have utilized space for courses and performances. Most recently a resource fair, planned by several community agencies, brought in about a hundred community members to educate on Disability Services available in Southwest Florida.

The Keiser University faculty is professional, responsive to community needs, and supportive of feedback from stakeholders. These attributes are seen through their students and graduates as well, which in turn serves employers in our community with quality and prepared employees. Over the years Goodwill has hired graduates and been pleased with their organizational and time management skills, as well as their expertise in their field.

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. looks forward to our continuing partnership with Keiser University.

Sincerely,

Fred Richards
Vice President of Community Support Services

Megan Feeney
Director of Disability Support Services

Mission:

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida is committed to serving people with disabilities and disadvantages by offering life-changing opportunities to achieve independence.

