



Rooted in
Community

2025 Goodwill of Colorado Annual Dinner

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Welcome

Lauren Ferrara

Lauren Ferrara Storytelling

Meal Service

Awards Ceremony

Karla Grazier

Goodwill of Colorado
President & CEO

Lauren Ferrara

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Kirkpatrick Bank for
providing free parking
to our guests.*



Congratulations to our Honorees

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Chapman Foundation**
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Elevation Award

Kevin G. Woodley Jr.
Triumph Award

Monument Store
Social Impact
Champion Award

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on pages 4-6.*

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2025 Guiding Light Award

The **Guiding Light Award** is presented to an individual or charitable foundation whose support of Goodwill of Colorado has significantly expanded our mission impact.

This year’s honoree, the H.A. and Mary K. Chapman Foundation, has provided significant and generous financial support to Goodwill of Colorado initiatives that have had a direct and meaningful impact on our local community.

These include a significant gift that helped attain Goodwill of Colorado’s Garden of the Gods campus and multiple grants in support of our laundry social enterprise which provides job opportunities for individuals with a disability. In addition, the Chapman Foundation has supported a financial literacy program which equipped individuals with financial skills. Goodwill of Colorado is grateful for your commitment to our community and for your support of our mission – your support has changed lives.

This year’s Honoree joins the distinguished ranks of these past award winners:

2024	The Anschutz Foundation, Daniels Fund & El Pomar Foundation	2011	Lynn Cool
2023	Tom Neill	2010	Elizabeth & Jim Spittler
2022	Dona Hildebrand	2009	Marta Erhard & Tom DeCotiis
2019	Bart & Cathy Holaday	2008	El Pomar Foundation
2018	Mari Sinton-Martinez	2007	Susan & Steve Suggs
2017	Virginia Morgan	2006	John Armstrong
2016	Judy Mackey	2005	Ed Rudolph
2015	Jerry Grage	2004	Susie & David Jenkins
2014	Alan Steiner	2003	Mary Flemke
2013	Daniels Fund	2002	Ann & Jack Brown
2012	Jon Medved	2001	Ed Osborne



Eric Ward

Elevation Award

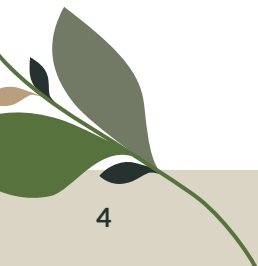


Eric Ward graduated with the May 2024 Goodwill of Colorado Bankwork\$ class, and his journey is truly inspiring. After serving in the military for five years, Eric transitioned back to civilian life, working general labor and janitorial jobs while raising his family on a tight budget. He enrolled in the BankWork\$ program to provide better opportunities for his four children and to pursue a career with room for growth.

While in the BankWork\$ program, Eric juggled family responsibilities, a job, and the immense challenge of homelessness, living out of his car. Despite these struggles, he formed strong friendships, worked relentlessly to overcome obstacles, and grew more confident in his abilities. His commitment to the program and enthusiasm for a career in banking were unmistakable.

During a lengthy wait for permanent housing, Eric navigated the complex process of advocating for himself with the Veterans Administration, completing all the necessary steps. For a while, he slept in his car, showered at the gym, and used a storage unit to get dressed. To make ends meet, he took side jobs but remained focused on his dream of securing a position in banking. Eric is now working with ANB Bank!

Eric's story is a powerful testament to the strength of his character, unwavering dedication, and resilience. Despite facing housing instability, caring for his four children, and overcoming numerous personal challenges, Eric never gave up. His determination to achieve a better future for his family and himself is inspiring to all who know him. Eric, Goodwill of Colorado is so grateful to be part of your journey!



Kevin G. Woodley, Jr.

Triumph Award



Growing up, Kevin's father was abusive with Kevin, his mother, and three younger sisters. As many children do who are thrust into a traumatic situation, Kevin tried to be a protector and barrier between his father and the rest of his family.

When his father became incarcerated, Kevin was at a loss. At the age of 13 he left home and began selling marijuana. This began a cycle of illegal activity, addiction, incarceration and effort to get back on the right path. At the age of 20, Kevin became a father as well.

After the death of a close relative, Kevin spiraled out of control and began using alcohol and drugs to self-medicate. He then began committing robberies, was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to prison. With time to reflect, Kevin was determined to better himself and was given the opportunity to learn how to provide peer

recovery coaching. This proved to be an important turning point. Kevin found that he could use his past experiences, mistakes and learning to help others.

Kevin came out of prison, "for the last time" he emphasizes, with a firm commitment to himself and his family to use his history to create a positive future. He learned about the ReHire program at Goodwill of Colorado which provides job training and re-entry support to individuals leaving the criminal justice system. After a few weeks, Kevin was placed with a peer recovery coaching organization and ReHire was able to pay for the training courses Kevin needed to attain his State of Colorado Peer Recovery Coach certification. Since 2023, Kevin has been working with Men of Influence, whose mission is to prevent gang violence in the community by engaging with adults and youth through mentorship and education.

Kevin's journey is marked by resilience and pursuit of self-improvement. His ability to turn his life around, become a certified Peer Recovery Coach, and actively contribute to his community showcase his strength and commitment to making a positive impact. Goodwill of Colorado is proud to have been his supporter and partner on his journey.

Monument Store team

Social Impact Champion Award



Our Goodwill of Colorado stores are rooted in so many communities throughout Colorado. They are places of community, of hope, of hard work and of changed lives. Within each store you will meet individuals with remarkable stories of growth and perseverance who have found a work home that has given them a chance and an opportunity when others often wouldn't.

We are delighted to celebrate our Monument store and the stories of hope and courage within its walls that impact our community as well.

Store Manager Brenda Jackson, herself a courageous and remarkable woman who has overcome so much, leads her team with a strong emphasis on accountability tempered with kindness. Brenda takes great joy in giving chances to those who feel there are no more chances, and to those who have the determination and courage to create a better life.

To our Monument store team members – you embody Goodwill of Colorado's commitment to coming alongside those with significant challenges and difficult situations in their lives who are growing and carving their path on the way to a job, a better job and a career. Congratulations to our Monument store!

Save the Date

August 21-23, 2025

at the Garden of the Gods Resort & Club



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BankWork\$

Get a job, a better job, a career!

In partnership with CareerWorks, Goodwill helps adults seeking employment begin successful careers in the banking industry with our free 8-week job training program, including a graduation day job fair that helps graduates enter the workforce quickly.

LIFT

Our 14-week program, free of charge for qualified students, prepares graduates to successfully certify for important IT credentials: CompTIA CySA+, Security+, A+ and Network+, helping them to set a course for a rewarding career in a growing industry.



GoodWheels Community Transportation

Providing premier door-through-door service in El Paso County and Pueblo ensuring our private pay or Medicaid clients arrive safely inside their destination. Our team specializes in transporting clients using bariatric wheelchairs to provide an inclusive, caring experience.

Your Life, Your Way in Home Care

Provides compassionate, caring in-home support: light housekeeping, help with errands, meal preparation, medication reminders, and most importantly—companionship! Now also available in Pueblo.

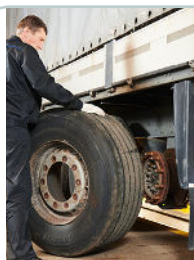


Custodial Contract Services

Our custodial contracts team carries the CIMS (Cleaning Industry Management Standard) certification—the gold standard for in-house cleaning organizations—and each day, cleans 1 million square feet of orbitories and administrative buildings at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Commercial Laundry Services

Providing green industrial laundry services since 1997, specializing in medical facilities, hospitality and lodging, military bases, government organizations, higher education and private corporations.



Fleet Maintenance Services

We help a variety of local businesses keep their fleet running smoothly and safely by leveraging inhouse expertise in maintaining Goodwill's transportation fleet, saving clients time and money.

For inquiries about any of these business services or community programs, please contact Kristin Amundson at kamundson@goodwillcolorado.org.



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