



## Press Release

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### **EASTER SEALS GOODWILL INDUSTRIES HELPS YOUR BUSINESS GET THE JOB DONE**

**North Haven, CT, April 16, 2013** –Most people have heard of Goodwill. They know about the secondhand stores and that you can donate your gently used clothing and other items. But what a lot of people don't know is about the good that comes from the donations Goodwill receives.

In addition to operating 12 secondhand stores, Easter Seals Goodwill Industries offers numerous programs to help people with disabilities and other challenges. Among these programs is the Community Employment Services (CES).

Community Employment Services offers adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to work in a group setting. The CES program participants, accompanied by a job coach, have experience in manufacturing, clerical and retail environments. They often help local businesses with hand-assembly projects such as sorting, collating, stuffing, labeling and sealing envelopes, light to moderate custodial work, small assembly in a manufacturing environment and stocking magazines.

CES is a unique program within the labor market today. CES work crews provide quality work, ensuring a fantastic experience for businesses while giving program participants a sense of fulfillment and pride. Businesses always receive excellent performance from CES work crews. A job coach supervises each crew (free of charge), ensuring that quality and quantity standards are consistently met or exceeded. Work teams are available for both long and short term projects, depending on the needs of company. Work crews are available Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm. Easter Seals Goodwill Industries maintains insurance for the CES work crews: both liability and workers' compensation

The majority of work is priced out on a piece-rate basis. This is an economical value to the company while providing our work crews meaningful jobs that are appropriate for all skill levels.

Dan Walker, Warehouse Manager at The Eastern Bag and Paper Group has worked with CES work crews for about 4 years. "Eastern Bag and Paper and Easter Seals Goodwill Industries have formed a partnership that has been a perfect fit for both of us," said Walker. "The work crew at our facility is professional, hard-working and extremely reliable. Every time we give them a new task, they go far





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beyond our expectations and continuously impress us with their work ethic. I am thrilled to be part of such a great organization.”

In addition to The Eastern Bag and Paper Group, CES work crews have also worked with Bead Industries, Hudson Distributors, New Haven Moving Equipment, Proforma, Sargent Manufacturing, The Advisor Newspaper, The New Haven Chamber of Commerce, WESCO, Westcott Distribution, Inc. and Yale New Haven-Hospital.

If you or someone you know is looking to hire a group work crew for either a long or short term project, or would like more information about the CES program, contact Lissa Rustic, Sales Representative at (203) 627-6507 or email [lrustic@esginh.org](mailto:lrustic@esginh.org).

**ABOUT EASTER SEALS GOODWILL INDUSTRIES:** Easter Seals Goodwill Industries is a progressive, community-based organization committed to its mission to enhance employment, educational, social and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities and other challenges in the greater New Haven area.



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