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In 1945, a group of civic leaders came together united by a passion to serve the many less fortunate who had been devastated by both the direct and indirect costs of World War II. They created Goodwill San Antonio to employ individuals with disabilities, collect donated goods, and sell them in an economically disadvantaged part of town. This combination of vocational training, employment, and provision of affordable goods fulfilled a dire need in a community where people faced high unemployment rates and staggering poverty levels.

The original purpose of fighting poverty and creating opportunity endures today. It drives Goodwill's mission to *help change lives through the power of work* -- believing all individuals deserve the opportunity to be successful and to thrive, achieve self-sufficiency, build strong families, and develop resilient communities.

This week, our founding purpose and present-day mission received a humbling grant from MacKenzie Scott in the amount of ten million dollars. This comes at a time when our community needs it more than ever.

The trust embodied in this gift is nothing short of remarkable and we accept it with the utmost commitment to uphold its intent-- to serve San Antonio through our original purpose of fighting poverty and creating opportunity. There are no words to adequately thank Ms. Scott for her generosity, selflessness and trust. What we seek to do is to affirm that her trust is well-placed, just as we do every day in upholding the trust of the community we serve.

Our employees, students, and clients humble us every day with their courage and commitment to overcome life barriers. This grant likewise humbles us with the selflessness and trust of a remarkable person supporting our mission of "helping change lives through the power of work."

We look forward to continuing our mission work of providing jobs, better jobs, and career paths to our community, helping individuals and our community advance their economic mobility; a purpose made more critical as we navigate through the global pandemic. Through Ms. Scott's generosity, her deep belief in "[good begetting good; hope feeding hope](#)," we are humbled to continue 75 years of services to San Antonio.