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## **Goodwill of Greater Washington and Kime Leadership Associates to Host “The Art of Transformation” DIY Exhibit at the Pepco Edison Place Gallery**

*First of its kind Exhibit to Feature Décor Repurposed from Goodwill Stores*

Washington, DC - Goodwill of Greater Washington, in collaboration with Kime Leadership Associates, will host a unique art exhibit featuring repurposed furniture and décor, much of it purchased at Goodwill stores.

The *Art of Transformation* will be held at the Pepco Edison Place Art Gallery located at 702 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC between August 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

All of the household goods being showcased have been upcycled into both functional and beautiful works of art. The event will include a VIP reception on Tuesday evening as well as a champagne and art DIY workshop hosted by Tim Kime on Thursday evening in which participants will have the opportunity to transform items much like the ones displayed in the exhibit.

For over a year Tim Kime has been hosting DIY workshops called The Art of Possibilities. During these workshops participants paint, decoupage, and up-cycle a household item that they have personally selected. Using the transformation of the item as a metaphor for personal transformation, Tim Kime works with the amateur artists on how to tackle major life changes and transform their futures and achievement of personal and professional goals. He has hosted many of these workshops at Goodwill of Greater Washington locations.

The exhibit will also highlight how shopping at Goodwill can transform lives and communities. All revenues generated from Goodwill stores support free job training and employment services for people with disabilities and disadvantages in the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area.

*“Transforming furniture and accessories from castoffs into beautiful works of art is a fantastic metaphor for the Goodwill mission of transforming lives”, said Brendan Hurley, Chief Marketing Officer for Goodwill of Greater Washington. “We support people who believe society has cast them off and help them transform despair into hope.”*

The exhibit will be a precursor to the annual *Edited for Goodwill Summer Trunk Show* at the Edison Place Gallery, August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26th. The trunk show will showcase fashions curated from local Goodwill stores by Washington, DC area fashion and style bloggers. The trunk show will be open from 11am-7pm both days.

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About Goodwill of Greater Washington – Goodwill transforms lives and communities through the power of education and employment by providing free job training and employment services to people with disabilities and disadvantages.