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American Surgical Company Named Business Partner of the Year

Company provides job opportunities for Goodwill participants

BOSTON – Nov. 6, 2020 – Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries and American Surgical Company in Salem have worked together for five years to provide employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

This work was recently recognized as American Surgical Company, a leading creator of single-use surgical tools, was named Business Partner of the Year at the Massachusetts Council of Human Services Providers' annual Convention and Expo. The Council is the state's leading advocacy group for human services organizations. Erik Piasio, the President of American Surgical, accepted the award virtually.

"Under Erik Piasio's leadership, American Surgical has employed Goodwill participants to advance its business objectives. The opportunity to work at American Surgical as valued employees has enabled program participants to achieve the independence and dignity that come from work," said Joanne Hilferty, President and CEO of Goodwill.

"Our company is better for the work we do with Goodwill," said Erik Piasio. "The participants are extremely productive and add to our company's overall esprit de corps. I would encourage more businesses to look at working with Goodwill for their employment needs."

In October 2019, Hilferty and Piasio, along with a Goodwill participant who works at American Surgical, testified on Beacon Hill before the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities to raise awareness of the contributions workers with developmental disabilities can make with appropriate support.

About Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries

For 125 years, Goodwill has provided job training programs and partnered with the business community to provide meaningful work opportunities for individuals with barriers to self-sufficiency. Goodwill also operates MassHire Boston Career Center, a one-stop career center that offers universal access to a broad range of services for job seekers. The Goodwill Stores in Massachusetts provide jobs and on-the-job training opportunities and offer quality, low-cost goods to individuals and families looking for value. To learn more, visit Goodwill online at www.goodwillmass.org or follow us on social media @goodwillboston.

About American Surgical Company

American Surgical Company develops the innovative, single-use tools surgeons need to do what they do best: help their patients get better. To learn more, visit American Surgical Company online at www.americansurgical.com or follow them on social media @AmericanSurgical.