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## **Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire awarded SBC Excelerator Grant**

Peter Lee, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire (GIRE) is pleased to announce the award of a \$25,000 SBC Excelerator Grant. The SBC Excelerator Program is a major philanthropic initiative that connects the nation's neediest residents to important technology resources, such as Internet access and training through technology grants to local nonprofit organizations. The Excelerator Program assists nonprofits in using technology to expand the reach of services and to heighten the impact of those services on people in the community. Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire serves individuals with disabilities and other challenges to employment through an array of employment, training and assessment programs and services in Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, and Lake counties. The Excelerator grant will be used to provide Internet access and computer training for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. For additional information please call 707-523-0550.