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5:30 p.m. Patron Reception  
6:00 p.m. Main Event  
7:15 p.m. Welcome & Tribute to Karen & Doug Lefton  
7:30 p.m. Live Auction  
7:45 p.m. Silent Auction Closes  
7:50 p.m. Taste of Vintage Fashion Show

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM GOODWILL TO:**

### **Honorees**

Karen & Doug Lefton

### **Masters of Ceremonies**

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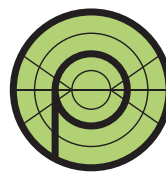
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Karen & Doug Lefton are honored to be recognized at Goodwill's 15th Annual Taste of Vintage. They believe there are two kinds of people in this community – those who need help and those who can help. They feel very fortunate to be among the latter.

Both had first careers as journalists. Doug, who majored in English at Carleton College in Minnesota, found a home as medical reporter for *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*. After writing about health care for years, he decided to become a doctor and left the newspaper at age 37 to take premed courses at Cleveland State. By the time he graduated from Case Western Reserve's School of Medicine and moved to Summit County for a family practice residency at Barberton Hospital, he was looking to settle down.

That's when he met Karen, the single-mom of an 8-year-old. Karen had started her career as a reporter and editor at the *Akron Beacon Journal* after earning her B.A. at Miami University. Her legal studies were designed only to help her be a better journalist, but after 17 years in the newsroom, Karen switched departments and started handling labor and employment issues in-house, ultimately becoming the *Beacon Journal*'s general counsel.

They married in 1998 and embarked on raising Audrey together, as Doug was saving lives at Fairlawn Family Practice and Karen moved on to private practice, defending the Constitution and helping businesses get drama out of their workplaces.

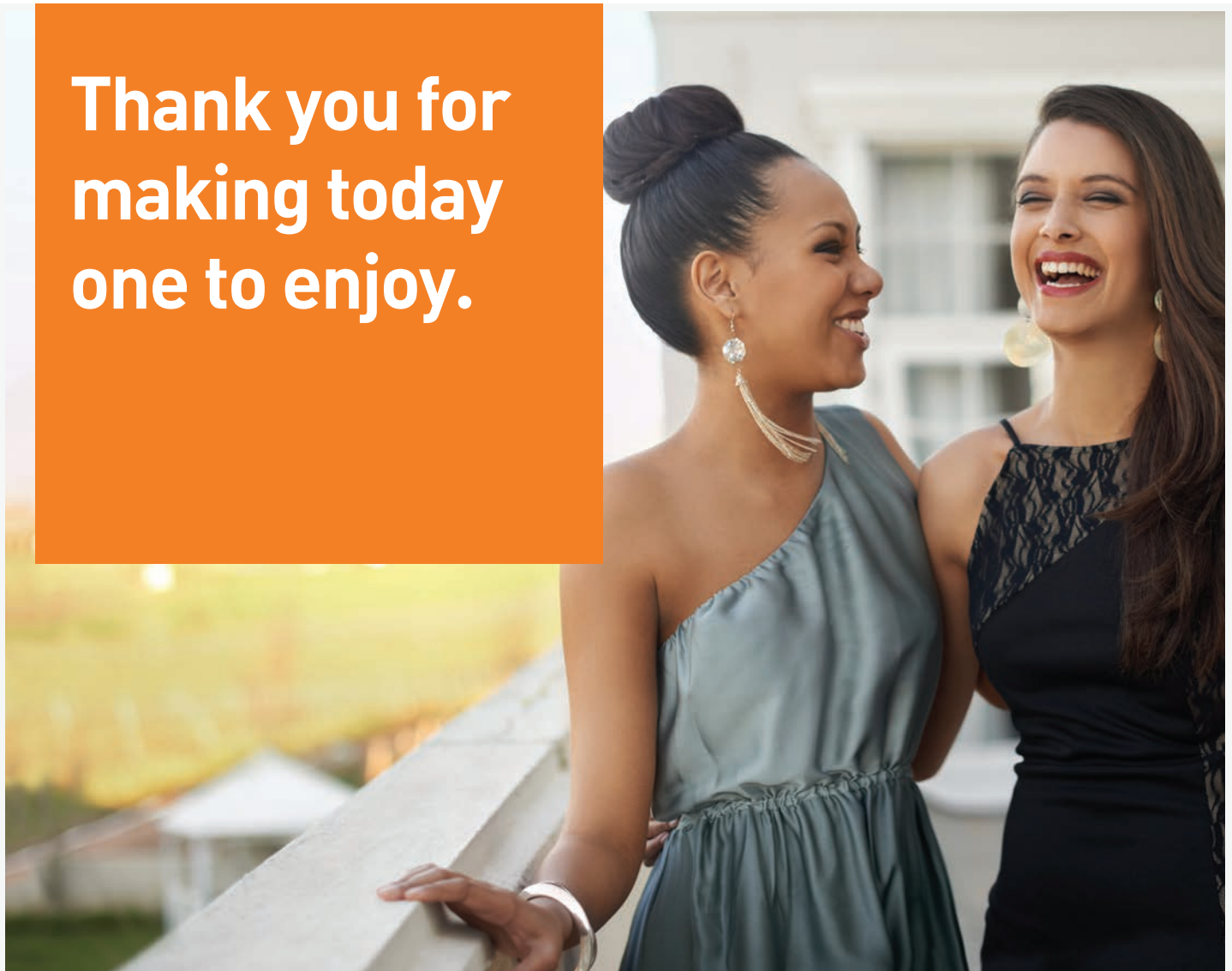
Over the years, Doug founded [helpwithmedicalcosts.com](http://helpwithmedicalcosts.com), a tool to reduce the costs of blood tests, and he was active as a member of the board of the Summit County Medical Society.

Karen was a member of the Board of Directors at Weathervane Community Playhouse, Project Learn, and the Akron Roundtable. She has been a proactive force for women in the community, co-chairing a \$2.013 million campaign for the Women's Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation and creating the Karen C. Lefton Fund for Survivors of Domestic Violence. She served nine years on the board of Goodwill, and she is currently a member of the Summit County Public Defender's Commission and chair of the Board of Trustees at Stark State College.

Karen is a graduate of Leadership Akron Class XXIII, and has received its Distinguished Leadership Award. Doug is currently in Leadership Akron's NEXT class.

Together, they are looking forward. First, to becoming grandparents in January. And also to continuing to have a positive impact throughout the community, aiding Goodwill in its mission to transform those who *need* help into those who *can* help.

**Thank you for  
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one to enjoy.**



Thank you, Goodwill Industries of Akron, for all you do to move our community forward, day in and day out.

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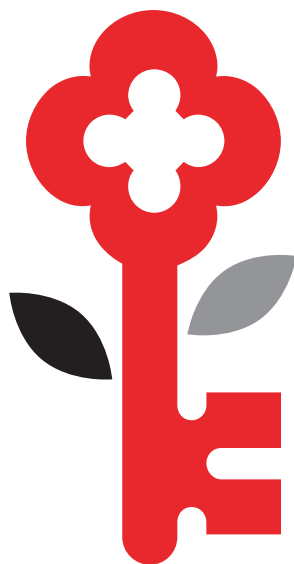
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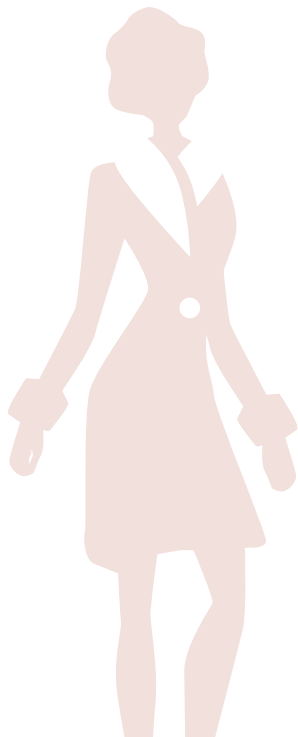
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## CENTERPIECES FOR SALE

You can buy a centerpiece from any table. Purchase from the Silent Auction App or visit Cash Out in the lobby to purchase and receive a sold sign to place on the centerpiece of your choice.

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2021 Taste of Vintage - revisiting the best fashion trends to help strengthen the social fabric of our local community.

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### Silent Auction Bidding Guide

To get started bidding, download HANDBID APP from the AppStore or Play Store. Login and start bidding by swiping left or right to access categories and items. Once on an item, swipe up to view the full description and value. Menu in upper left corner contains your profile and invoice information. If you need assistance on placing a bid, please see any of the volunteers at the silent auction tables to help you place your bid.

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All tables will close at 7:45 p.m. PLEASE **DO NOT REMOVE** YOUR ITEM FROM THE AUCTION TABLE UNTIL YOU HAVE CASHED OUT (*see below*).

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- Skills training in resume preparation, completion of applications and interviewing
- Work experience programs
- Job coaching support

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**Congratulations  
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## Total served in 2020

**87** } VOCATIONAL EVALUATIONS,  
ASSESSMENTS & ADJUSTMENTS

**188** } YOUTH PROGRAMS

**168** } WORK EXPERIENCE  
[Training within Goodwill's Retail  
and Business Services operations]

**316** } JOB SKILLS CLASSES,  
JOB FAIRS & WORKSHOPS\*

**446** } JOB PLACEMENTS

**157** } JOB COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

**1,214** } OTHER SERVICES  
[Bus passes, Elizabeth Clark  
Emergency Fund gift cards  
and Radio Reading]

**7,093** } JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE AND  
EMPLOYER SERVICES [Virtual  
services, recruitment, screening,  
testing, training, outplacement, etc.]

**9,669** } TOTAL

\* Some services are partially funded by the Summit County  
Department of Job & Family Services.

Dollars redeemed  
through Elizabeth Clark  
Emergency Fund:

**\$55,660**

**134** Local businesses  
served by Goodwill's  
Business Services:

Value for 2020 jobs:

**\$5.2  
million**

# Our mission, by the numbers.

Helping individuals prepare for, find and retain employment.

Hours donated  
by volunteers:

**6,800**

## Community



## Donations



Generous donors: **298,510**

Tons of clothing and household items donated: **15,696**



## Retail Stores



Pounds of computer equipment recycled (Dell Reconnect): **112,743**

Pounds of material recycled & repurposed through salvage: **6,375,677**

## Outlet Store

**Goodwill**  
Serving Summit, Portage, Medina,  
Ashland & Richland Counties



Customers:

**685,897**

## Recycle



## Job Training



Cents from every dollar  
spent at Goodwill stores  
that funds mission:

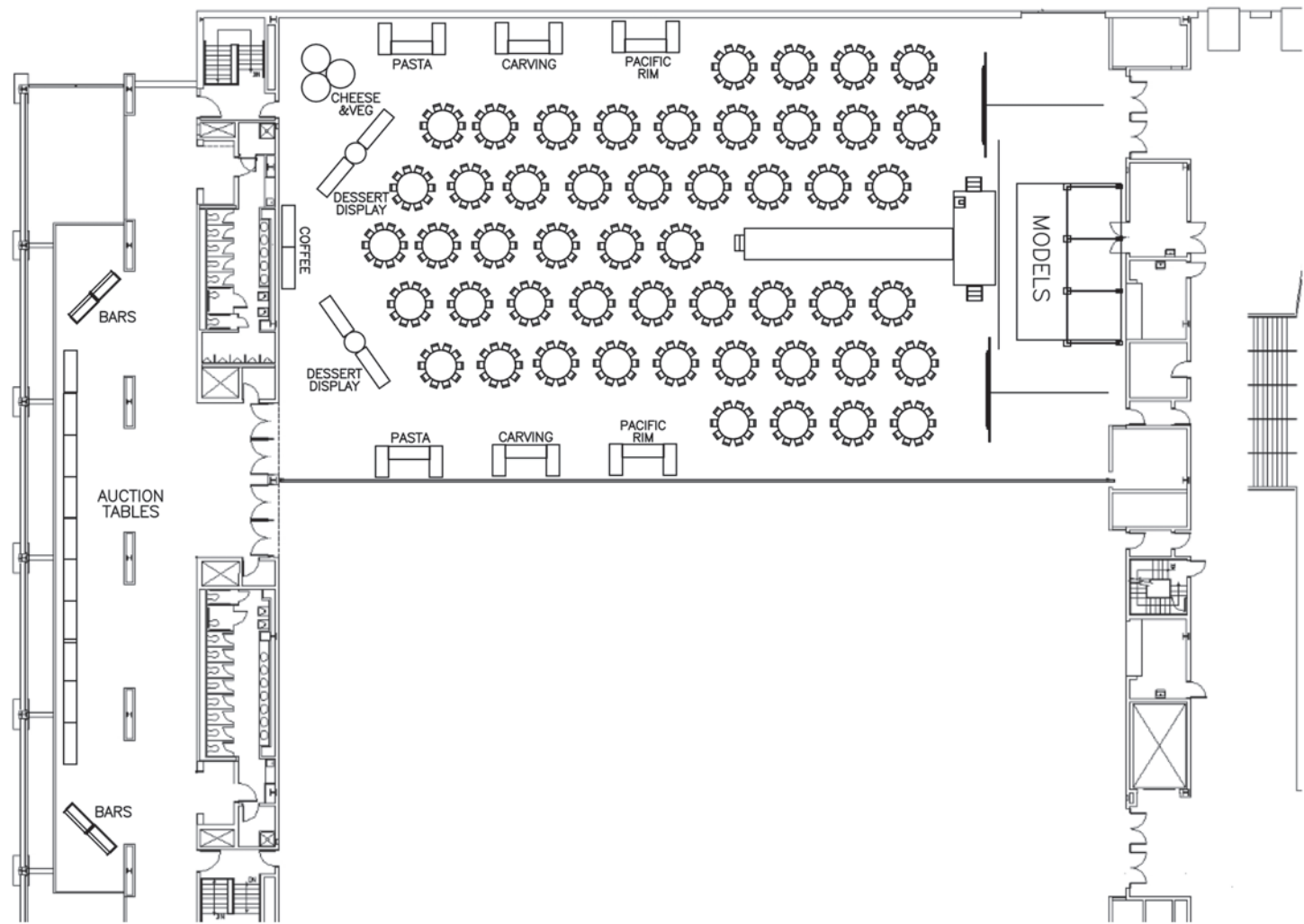
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Hours worked by participants in  
Goodwill's Retail and Business  
Services operations:

**24,295**

**MAIN EVENT FLOOR PLAN**

**Exhibit Hall #2  
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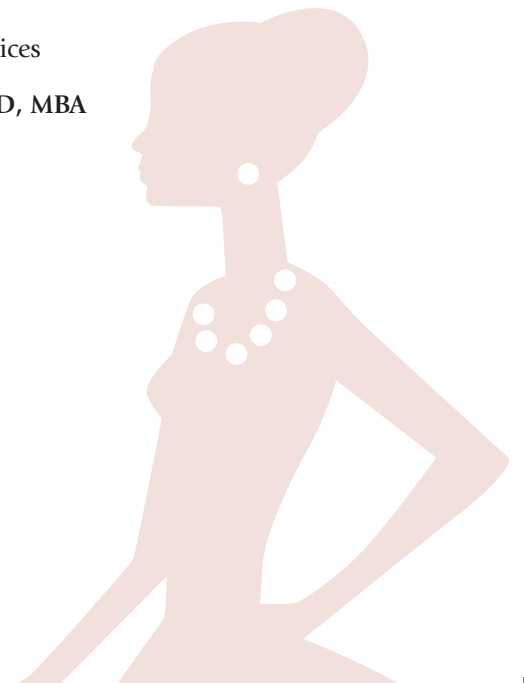
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