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Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc. Announces New Board Member

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Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc. Executive Director, Timothy J. Young announces the election of Judge Michael F. Higgins to the Board of Trustees.

The staff and current board of Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc. welcome our new board member, Judge Higgins. The agency is working hard to extend its reach and included prominent community members from Licking and Knox counties on our Board of Trustees. By engaging new leaders, we can create and promote positive changes and opportunities for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, CARF Accredited, United Way agency, providing training, employment, and support services for individuals with disabilities or other barriers to employment. For further information about services, please call (740) 345-9861 or visit www.goodwillnewark.com.



Biography for Judge Michael F. Higgins

Judge Higgins has served as one of the two Municipal Court Judges for Licking County since 1991. He was first appointed in 1991 and has been re-elected three times. He has been a resident of Licking County since 1971. Judge Higgins was awarded a Bachelor's Degree from Edinboro State College in 1970 and a Juris Doctor Degree from Capital University in 1977.

Prior to becoming a judge he was a prosecutor in the Licking County Municipal Court from 1978 to 1991 and was also engaged in the private practice of law. He served as Buckeye Lake's first Law Director until 1991. Additionally, he was the Small Claims Magistrate for the Licking County Municipal Court.

Judge Higgins was admitted to practice before all Ohio courts in 1977. He was admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 1980. In 1986 he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

Judge Higgins is a member of the Ohio State and Licking County Bar Associations and a member of the Ohio Judicial Conference. He has served as a board member of the United Way of Licking County, Ohio and the Ohio Municipal and County Court Judges Association. He has past served as a board member of the Newark Public Library and the Licking County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. He is also a member of the Newark Rotary.

He and his wife Michele reside in Licking Township and have two children and two grandchildren.

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