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Goodwill update

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Ohio Valley Goodwill's Service Guild Is Always At Work!

Working diligently behind the scenes, the Goodwill Service Guild helps the organization in many ways by planning special events, offering support for the agency's programs and services, and being involved in fundraising and outreach activities. The Service Guild has been an active part of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries for over 70 years. Each year, the Guild assists the organization by developing fundraising activities which help to support the very important mission of Ohio Valley Goodwill. Over the years the Service Guild has given hundreds of thousand dollars to the organization that they have generated through special activities and events. One of the largest fundraising efforts that the Service Guild is involved in is the Treasure Island Gift Shop inside the Tri-County retail store. Packed with wonderful gift items, unique toys, crystal objects, and many

one-of-a-kind treasures, the gift shop is a favorite stop for those seeking truly exceptional gift offerings. Under the leadership of volunteers Joy Packer and Linda Eslick, gift shop co-managers, the pair are always striving to have great gift items in the shop all year long.

During the year the Service Guild sponsors one-day bus trips to great locations throughout the tri-state area. "We are always pleased with the response that we receive for our bus trips," said Jane Kreps, the current president of the Service Guild. Additionally, the Service Guild sells the local "Entertainment Books," sponsors the semi-annual Mini-Fest held at the Tri-County retail store, and supports an abundance of activities and special events offered by Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries. "We strive to help to support some of Goodwill's important programs and

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Treasure Island Gift Shop co-managers
Linda Eslick (left) and Joy Packer (right)



Service Guild members at fall Mini-Fest. From
left to right, Jane Kreps, President of Goodwill
Service Guild, La Rue Janson and Clarice Kreig



Service Guild members having fun
grilling at fall Mini-Fest

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services,” said Jane. Throughout the year the Service Guild supports special activities such as birthday lunches for consumers, offering financial support for special holiday diners, and providing assistance for Goodwill’s programs for veterans. The semi-annual Mini-Fest is a special event that the Service Guild has offered for many years. In both the spring and fall, the Service Guild sponsors the festival which includes a variety of home baked treats, a huge raffle, selling hand crafted items and unique treasures, and having a great cook-out during lunchtime. This fall, the Guild even invited the Woodlawn Fire and Police departments to conduct blood pressure screening and fingerprinting for children. “We are always so appreciative of the work that the Service Guild does for Ohio Valley Goodwill. Their dedication and activities are all important to the success of our programs and we are pleased that they do so much good work on behalf of the organization,” says Joe Byrum, President and CEO of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries.

Ohio Valley Goodwill appreciates the dedication and hard work of the Service Guild and their commitment to supporting the mission of the organization. Support for their programs helps Goodwill in many ways.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Senior Manager Appointed State Association Chair

Kelly Manns, Goodwill's Senior Training Manager, has been named Chair of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division for the Ohio Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (OARF). As the new chair, Kelly will be responsible for coordinating state-wide meetings, communicating future funding issues to the membership and advocating for services for people with disabilities.

Kelly has been with Ohio Valley Goodwill since 2006 and a member of OARF since January 2008. Kelly is the Senior Manager for Employment and Training Services for Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries. Goodwill offers individualized, comprehensive and community-based work evaluation assessments as well as skill training programs in its award-winning Office Procedures and Computer Technology program (OPCT), Food Services and Janitorial Training career options. Ohio Valley Goodwill's primary mission is to provide job placement services and help to insure individual success.

Kelly has earned an outstanding reputation as a rehabilitation professional over the span of her 25 year career including recognition by the South West Ohio Rehabilitation Association (SWORA) and the Department of Veteran's Affairs and now, in her appointment as the Chair for the Ohio Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Ohio Valley Goodwill congratulates Kelly Manns on her new role with the Association and her on-going advocacy efforts on behalf the individuals served by Ohio Valley Goodwill and other rehabilitation facilities throughout the state of Ohio.



Kelly Manns, Goodwill's Senior Manager of Employment and Training

Goodwill Staff Participate In First Annual SWORA 5K “Stroll To Success”



Goodwill staff ready for SWORA Stroll. Front row left to right: Patty Knue, Kelly Manns, Alison McElfresh Back row: Nancy VanderWoude, Cheryl Triggs, Stephanie Eppley

On Saturday October 11th, a group of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries rehabilitation services staff participated in the first ever South Western Ohio Rehabilitation Association (SWORA) “Stroll To Success” 5K walk. The special event was held in the Hamilton County Park District’s beautiful Glenwood Gardens in Woodlawn. The activity was developed by SWORA in an effort to generate funds for a scholarship that will help persons with disabilities with any needs they may have to better prepare them for the job market. Items that may be purchased through the scholarship include clothing, assistance with traveling to and from the workplace, and other needs that the individual may have. “We were so pleased with the response that we received for the event and the financial support that the event has generated for services for men and women with disabilities,” said SWORA member, Nancy VanderWoude. Nancy is Goodwill’s clerical training supervisor and because of her important position with the organization knows first-hand about the needs of individuals with disabilities. “The scholarship fund will certainly help many individuals with their needs. Preparing men and women for employment is so important to their success,” said Nancy.

Ohio Valley Goodwill salutes the efforts of its staff in helping to make the stroll such a success!

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Hosts “Stand Down” Event for Homeless Veterans

On Friday, September 26th, The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries, in partnership with the Veterans Administration Medical Center, presented this year's "Stand Down" event for homeless veterans in Greater Cincinnati. Once again the event was co-sponsored and held at the Bellevue Veterans Club in Northern Kentucky. The purpose of the event is to draw attention to the needs of homeless veterans and to offer a variety of services for these individuals. The phrase "stand down" comes from an old military term relating to a time that military personnel can have their personal needs attended to. During the event veterans had the opportunity to receive assistance from over 30 service providers including: housing assistance, job services, tax assistance and medical services. A free hot lunch was provided by the Bellevue Veterans Club. "We were so pleased with the turn-out and offered services to over 400 veterans," said Mick Fusco, Grants Manager at Goodwill Industries.

Goodwill Industries has been offering services to homeless and jobless veterans for many years. To qualify for Goodwill's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, an individual must be homeless and jobless, yet be available for work. Speaking at the event, Linda Smith, Director of the Cincinnati Veterans Medical Center commented that, "We are always so happy to assist Goodwill and the Bellevue Veterans Club in providing a day of service for our loyal veterans. Their service and dedication to our nation is so important and we want to strive to make certain that they all receive the services that are important to them."

The event even had the support of Dayton and Holy Trinity schools in Northern Kentucky. Student volunteers helped to serve both breakfast and lunch to those attending. Charlie Blythe, Goodwill's Grants Director thanked the schools and The Bellevue Veterans Club and awarded plaques to these groups. Last year (2007), Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries provided services to more than 700 veterans and homeless individuals. This is the seventh year that Goodwill has helped to organize this important event.



Dr. Jeff Lekson (left) and Dr. Reid Hartman (right) from Cincinnati Veterans Administration Medical Center at fall "Stand Down" event.

Goodwill Industries and Elder-Beerman Join Together To Benefit Vocational and Job Support Programs

Helping local people in our community find good jobs and receive vocational training, Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries joined together again with the downtown Hamilton Elder-Beerman retail store to conduct a donation drive. The semi-annual "Goodwill Sale" is an opportunity for shoppers to donate gently-used clothing and textiles to Goodwill and in doing so, customers receive discount coupons to use in the Hamilton Elder-Beerman store. One coupon is given per item donated, and all donations support Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries job training and career services to help people find good jobs in the local community.

Donated clothing and textiles are sold in local Goodwill retail stores and the revenues generated help to fund job training and career services for people with disabilities, homeless veterans and other job seekers. "We always appreciate the efforts of Elder-Beerman in helping to support Goodwill's programs and services. The partnership developed by Elder-Beerman has evolved into a wonderful relationship - one that truly helps Goodwill meet its mission to serve people with disabilities," said George Palmer, Director of Public Relations and Marketing for Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries. The donation drive is a semi-annual event which is coordinated nationally by The Bon-Ton Stores and Goodwill Industries. Elder-Beerman is a unit of The Bon-Ton Stores, which has several retail store name plates throughout the Northeast, Midwest and Great Plains states.

"Our relationship with Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries has advanced into a great benefit for our customers. Having shoppers donate to this effort helps Goodwill with their programs while at the same time, offers our customers the advantage of obtaining discounts at our store," said Keith Nott, General Manager of the Hamilton Elder-Beerman store.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries salutes the efforts of Elder-Beerman and its associates, as well as the Hamilton community for helping in this yearly donation drive.



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Holiday Giving Helps Ohio Valley Goodwill Throughout The Year

Your holiday contribution to Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries helps the organization to achieve its very important mission of putting people to work all year long. When you donate to Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries you can be sure your contribution will be used to help with programs and services for men and women with disabilities. A contribution of any size will help Goodwill's programs and services for individuals with disabilities, homeless veterans and others with barriers to employment. In addition to monetary contributions, we always appreciate donations of clothing, household goods and even autos at this time of the year. Your support is appreciated and goes a long way to help Goodwill. For more information about Goodwill's programs and how your contribution can help, please visit our website at: www.cincinnati-goodwill.org.

We thank you for your support and wish you the happiest of holidays.



SHOPPING & DONATING TO GOODWILL

Goodwill has 26 locations throughout Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Donations are accepted at any of the following locations. Call (513) 771-4800 for hours and information or visit our website at: www.cincinnati-goodwill.org

Amelia Attended Donation Center
87 East Main St.
Amelia, OH 45102

Batesville Goodwill Store
1348 State Rd., 46 East
Batesville, In 47006
(812) 934-6349

Beechmont Goodwill Store
4051 Commercial Dr.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45245
(513) 752-0067

Bellevue Goodwill Store
15 Donnemeyer Drive
Bellevue, Ky 41073
(859) 291-1333

Blue Ash Attended Donation Center
9410 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Brentwood Attended Donation Center
8685 Winton Rd. @ Former Kroger
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

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3980 North Bend Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211
(513) 662-7080

Delhi Attended Donation Center
5080 Delhi Pike @ former Kroger
Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Fairfield Crossings Goodwill Store
4605 Dixie Highway
Fairfield, Ohio 45014
513-939-0020

Florence Goodwill Store
7855 Tanner's Lane
Florence, Ky 41042
(859) 371-1238

Hamilton Goodwill Store
164 North Brookwood Ave.
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
(513) 863-9352

Hamilton Attended Donation Center
5420 Liberty Fairfield Rd. @ Kroger,
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Harrison Goodwill Store
1110 Harrison Ave.
Harrison, Ohio 45030
(513) 367-2495

Independence Goodwill Store
6433 Taylor Mill Road
Independence, KY 41011
(859) 356-5591

Lebanon Attended Donation Center
10 S. Mechanic St.
Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Loveland Goodwill Store
330 Loveland-Madeira Rd.
Loveland, Ohio 45140
(513) 683-1151

Mariemont Attended Donation Center
7385 Wooster Pike @ Kroger,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

Mason Boutique/Attended Donation Center
1063 Reading Rd.
Mason, OH 45040
(513) 770-3290

Milford Attended Donation Center
985 State Route 28
Milford, OH 45150

Mt. Airy Attended Donation Center
6401 Colerain Ave. @ Kroger
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

Montgomery Goodwill Store
10020 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242
(513) 791-7058

Oakley Goodwill Store
3080 Markbreit Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45209
(513) 631-6348

Tri-County Goodwill Store
10600 Springfield Pike
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215
(513) 771-4804

West Chester Attended Donation Center
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West Chester, Ohio 45069

Westwood Attended Donation Center
2990 Harrison Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Williamsburg Goodwill Store
342 Main St.
Williamsburg, Ohio 44176
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