

# OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL



## update

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## OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL RECEIVES 2022 CARF ACCREDITATION

For the first time in 2022, Ohio Valley Goodwill participated in a virtual accreditation survey through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) on June 14th and 15th. The organization worked for months ahead of time uploading required materials for the survey team to review to assess the organization's compliance with its rigorous standards. CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of persons served.

Ohio Valley Goodwill is pleased to report that the organization has been issued a Three-Year accreditation in recognition of the organization's "dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served. Services, personnel, and documentation clearly indicates an established pattern of conformance to standards." To achieve this high standard of accreditation is outstanding and reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff team. Ohio Valley Goodwill congratulates all members of its team on the achievement of this standard of accreditation excellence.

## 2022 GOODWILL CELEBRITY GOLF OUTING TEES OFF!

This year's Goodwill Celebrity Golf Outing welcomed a sold-out group of more than 200 players and celebrities on a beautiful day at the Glenview Golf Club. Celebrity Host, Joe Walter along with Co-Chair Stephanie Mitchell, welcomed all of the players, celebrities, volunteers and friends to the 2022 event.

This year's Title Sponsor was Strategic Benefits and for the first time in 2022, the outing welcomed two new sponsorship levels- the "Major Corporate Sponsor"- which was First Financial Bank and a new "Dinner Sponsor" which was VonLehman; a long-time Golf Outing sponsor and friend. The annual Golf Outing is not only the single fundraiser held by the organization each year but also, a friend-raising event. Hosts, players, sponsors and everyone involved enjoys the opportunity to get together each year and celebrate the organization's 100+ year mission of service in the Greater Cincinnati community. As in past years, Goodwill was pleased to have eager volunteers from long-time partner organization, Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services (HCDDS). HCDDS team members for many years have volunteered to help out on the Hole-in-One's during the outing.

In addition to the wonderful celebrity guests who participate in the Goodwill outing every year, another much looked forward to feature is the Community Ambassadors from the organization's Center for Advocacy, Recreation and Education (CARE) program. Every year, they enthusiastically greet all of the players, cheer them on when they head out to the links and even, help them putt in at the end of the day. Our most sincere gratitude to the CARE team for their fun participation.

Check out the Goodwill Golf Outing Photo Gallery with link below.

[www.cincinnati-goodwill.org/about-us/media-center/celebrity-golf-outing/](http://www.cincinnati-goodwill.org/about-us/media-center/celebrity-golf-outing/)



*Ohio Valley Goodwill is pleased to announce that our Chief Financial Officer, Mike Speed, has been selected as a FINALIST for the 2022 Chief Financial Officer award in the nonprofit category by the Cincinnati Business Courier! Our most sincere Congratulations to Mike on this well-deserved recognition. Look for more news to come!*

Please visit our new website at  
[www.cincinnati-goodwill.org](http://www.cincinnati-goodwill.org)

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## 2022 PIG POP UP SHOP AND PIGABILITIES A HUGE SUCCESS!

Ohio Valley Goodwill was delighted to welcome thousands of excited shoppers to its 2022 Pig Pop Up Shop during the Flying Pig Marathon Health and Fitness Expo. With racks of athleisure and running gear at only \$5, the Goodwill Pop Up Shop was one of the most popular attractions of the two day Expo event. Retail team members were very pleased to hear from shoppers as they checked out, "Thank you for being here" and "We love the Goodwill Pop-Up Shop!"

The excitement of the Goodwill Pop-Up Shop was only matched by PigAbilities which took place on Saturday, April 30th at 12 noon. The 2022 PigAbilities event was the first time in two years that the group of athletes were able to participate in person due to concerns about the pandemic. Ohio Valley Goodwill has been the Title Sponsor of the PigAbilities event for the past 6 years and was more than excited about this year's reunion which featured a record-breaking number of athletes- more than 466!

This year's PigAbilities event was supported by not only Goodwill but also the Pig Works team, Paycor, Hamilton County DD Services as well as Butler DD and the Center for Independent Living Options as well as many other agencies in the larger Cincinnati community. The collaboration was in an effort to increase awareness and participation in the inclusive and welcoming event for athletes of all abilities.

Our most sincere CONGRATULATIONS to all of the 2022 PigAbilities athletes and to "Team Goodwill" for their outstanding performance in this year's PigAbilities event!



## GOODWILL'S SUMMER YOUTH SERVICES KICKS OFF FOR 2022!

Ohio Valley Goodwill's very popular Summer Youth service began its 2022 season on Monday, June 6th. Currently, one of the largest such programs in the Greater Cincinnati area, this year's Summer Youth will serve dozens of transition youth over two four week sessions. The program is designed to provide students with a variety of team building and vocational exploration experiences structured to help them gather information about the world of work.

As part of the Summer Youth Service, each student has the opportunity to learn work appropriate skills in a paid work experience in the community on typical job sites. After their community work experience, each student along with Goodwill staff report to the referring counselor through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, regarding the experience and job preferences. In this follow-up meeting, the Goodwill team member provides recommendations to assist individuals in moving forward with their vocational goals.

This year's Summer Youth participants will have the opportunity to experience a variety of different work responsibilities and will be supported by Goodwill team members at all locations. A host of work opportunities are explored including retail, automotive, entertainment, animal care and more across the Greater Cincinnati community. Each experience offers the chance for students to become fully engaged in the different aspects that each employment opportunity presents. "As always, Goodwill is delighted to welcome our wonderful Summer Youth participants to the exciting service we have planned which will help to introduce them to the world of work," said Travis Smith, Summer Youth Services Manager.



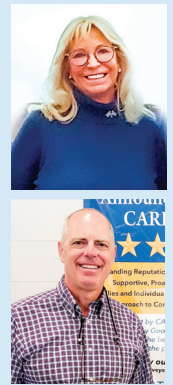
For more information about Goodwill's Summer Youth services, visit [www.cincinnati goodwill.org/services](http://www.cincinnati goodwill.org/services). Goodwill's Summer Youth service offering is in its 11th year and is a collaborative project with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD).

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## OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL WELCOMES STATE REPRESENTATIVES CARRUTHERS AND BIRD

Ohio Valley Goodwill was happy to have State Representatives Sara Carruthers and Adam Bird tour its corporate headquarters and Eastside Vocational Services Center in April and May.

Both Representatives were unfamiliar with Ohio Valley Goodwill's extensive programs and services for citizens with disabilities and our nation's veterans throughout the Greater Cincinnati community. The Goodwill team provided an overview of Goodwill's many services and the number of individuals served (almost 3000) and placed in community employment annually (920 in 2021). Ohio Valley Goodwill looks forward to working collaboratively with both Representatives in the future in serving members of their constituencies in Clermont, Hamilton and Butler Counties.



## SHAREFEST 2022 IS A RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING SUCCESS!

As the official Donation sponsor for the ShareFest Donation Drive in partnership with Miami University and the city of Oxford, Ohio Valley Goodwill was pleased with the wonderful response of the students and residents of the Butler County community. From May 12th-May 17th, Ohio Valley Goodwill provided 4 Donation Trailers and a staff team at the Chestnut Fields location to accept and sort donations for partnering non-profit organizations. As in previous years, students and community members demonstrated their commitment to responsible recycling and sustainability by donating more than 111,000 pounds of items during this year's drive. ShareFest is an annual donation drive that prevents usable items from going to the landfill by directing them to social service agencies and nonprofit organizations around the Oxford area. Find out more about ShareFest at [www.sharefestoxford.com](http://www.sharefestoxford.com)

