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Goodwill update

Ohio Valley Goodwill Introduces New GoodGuides™ Program

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is proud to announce a new program designed to assist youth in overcoming disadvantages and avoiding delinquency. The effort is part of a national mentoring program known as the Goodwill GoodGuides™ program.

The Goodwill GoodGuides™ program is a new federally funded youth mentoring program which is supported by a \$19.1 million grant to Goodwill Industries International (GII), through the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This new program is made possible through funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act with the money being divided among 56 community Goodwill agencies. Ohio Valley Goodwill is one of the partner agencies participating in the program and will be supported through a two-year, \$299,723 grant. The goal of the program is to match at-risk youth with caring adults and provide them with guidance and support through career exploration and job readiness skills.

Youth will be paired with trusted, caring volunteer mentors in the community. The mentors will provide support and guidance that will lead youth to opportunities and resources that they need to prepare for post-secondary

education and/or employment. Ohio Valley Goodwill's program officially launched the first week of March and will be based in Covington, Kentucky.

By engaging youth in positive activities with adults who are strong role models, youth receive the encouragement and support they need to maximize their potential. GoodGuides engages adult volunteers who are expected to commit to supporting, guiding, and being a friend to a young person for a period of at least one year. Mentors help youth

develop and reach positive academic, career, and personal goals. The program targets youths between the ages of 12 and 17 who are at-risk for dropping out of school, facing legal troubles, or are at risk due to issues such as abuse, disability, drug or alcohol dependence, or gang membership.

"With Goodwill GoodGuides™, we will be able to offer expanded mentoring services to the youth of our community. Goodwill will recruit, train and support volunteer mentors to engage youth in promoting their career development and life skills," said Tim Spoleti, Program Manager for GoodGuides™ of Ohio Valley Goodwill.

For more information about the GoodGuides™ program at Ohio Valley Goodwill, contact Tim Spoleti at 513-771-4800, ext. 6220.



Staff of New GoodGuides Program
(left to right): **Tim Spoleti, Program Manager,**
Marty Caffrey, Master Mentor Supervisor,
Donna Finklea, Data Reporting Specialist

Record Crowd At Annual Homeless Awareness Dinner

Ohio Valley Goodwill welcomed more than 450 individuals and family members on Wednesday, December 9th, to its Eighth Annual Homeless Awareness Dinner. The annual event is hosted in partnership with the Sharonville Convention Center and Village Pantry Catering and this year's dinner broke all records for attendance. The festive party provides a lavish holiday meal for guests as well as an evening of entertainment. As always, the highlight of the evening was the visit from Santa for all of the children in attendance. The 2009 dinner was a memorable occasion for the more than 125 children that enjoyed a warm holiday meal and their special gifts from the visitor from the North.

The elaborate dinner is planned and organized by Ohio Valley Goodwill's Special Projects team and requires hours of pre-event coordination. All needed supports for the dinner are provided by Goodwill staff members who coordinate the transportation from area shelters, arrange for gifts for all attendees, and secure the entertainment. "Ohio Valley Goodwill is always so delighted to host this very special annual dinner which is not only a celebration of togetherness but also an opportunity to increase awareness in the community about those struggling with homelessness," said Charlie Blythe, event chairperson and Goodwill Grants Director.

Ohio Valley Goodwill has a long-standing commitment to working with individuals challenged with homelessness and our nation's veterans. In 2008, the organization served more than 550 military men and women and in total, more than 2600 individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Goodwill thanks the community for its support of this important annual event as well as for its vital programs and services for all of the individuals it serves year-long.



Two New Boutique and Drive-Thru Locations Open!

After many months of preparation, two new Goodwill boutique retail stores opened in January. On Saturday, January 9th, the new Montgomery Boutique and Donation Drive-Thru opened to excited shoppers. The newly expanded store features a larger sales area and a convenient drive-up donation area. On hand for the ribbon cutting festivities were Montgomery Mayor, Gerri Harbison, Vice Mayor, Ken Suer, City Manager, Cheryl Hilvert, Goodwill Board Chairman, Charlie Wright, and Goodwill Board Member and media spokesperson, Joe Walter.

Two weeks later, on Saturday, January 23rd, the new Mt. Washington Boutique and Drive-Thru Donation Center opened to a flurry of thrilled shoppers who have waited for months for the opening of the new location. Helping to cut the ceremonial ribbon at this new location were Al Schultz and Mark Macomber of the Mt. Washington Business Association.

Donors at both locations will now be greeted at their vehicles and will be assisted by staff who can accept their donations in a fast and efficient manner. "We are so pleased with the success of these new boutique locations and how well they have been accepted by both shoppers and donors," said Gail Hana, VP for contributed goods. The new Montgomery Boutique is located at 9820 Montgomery Road in the City of Montgomery and the Mt. Washington Boutique is located at 2234 Beechmont Avenue in Cincinnati. Visit the Ohio Valley Goodwill's website for directions, store hours and specials!



Friends from City of Montgomery and Goodwill staff cut ribbon opening Montgomery Boutique!



Friends from Mt. Washington Business Association and Goodwill staff cut ribbon opening Mt. Washington Boutique!

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Goodwill's Service Guild Presents the Organization With An Annual Gift

At Goodwill's annual holiday luncheon on December 18, 2009, the Goodwill Service Guild presented President and CEO, Joe Byrum with a check for \$20,000 to be used for programs and services to help support the organization's mission. Service Guild President, Jane Kreps commented that the volunteer group is always so pleased that it is able to support Goodwill through its fundraising efforts. "We are always happy to be able to support Goodwill with a substantial contribution each year. The dedication of our volunteers to our fundraising efforts is outstanding," said Jane.

During her address, Jane told the audience about the programs that the Service Guild had been involved in throughout the year and the services that the group had made available to the individuals that Goodwill serves. In addition to operating the Treasure Island Gift Shop inside the Tri-County retail store, the Service Guild plans several bus trips during the year and is involved in **other fundraising activities**. Also throughout the year, the Service Guild assists with the planning and support for special meals and events for consumers and veterans.

In accepting the gift from the Service Guild, President and CEO, Joe Byrum said, "We appreciate the wonderful work that the Service Guild is committed to doing each year and the dedication that the group has to supporting the mission of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries."

For over 70 years, the Service Guild has been providing outreach and support for Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries. An additional purpose of the Service Guild is to assist in helping the community to be aware of Goodwill's mission.

Goodwill appreciates the work and dedication of the Service Guild!





Joe Byrum, Goodwill President & CEO with Award from SWORA

Goodwill President Receives Award From SWORA

Ohio Valley Goodwill's President and CEO Joe Byrum was honored in December, 2009 by the Southwest Ohio Rehabilitation Association (SWORA) when he was presented with the Tomko Award for Outstanding Achievement. The prestigious award is presented to an individual whose lifetime achievement represents a major contribution to the rehabilitation of people with disabilities. Charlie

Wright, Goodwill's Board Chairman, nominated and presented Joe with the award during the 2009 SWORA Awards Luncheon event held on Friday, December 4th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

During his remarks, Charlie Wright noted that throughout Joe's more than 30 years of service to Goodwill, the organization's consistent economic growth as well as its on-going expansion of its service capacity has helped the organization to become a leader among rehabilitation organizations "Joe's leadership and innovation has resulted in revenue increasing by 614% which has allowed the agency to continue to provide high quality services to individuals even when funding streams have been significantly reduced," commented Mr. Wright.

The annual SWORA Award Luncheon event is held to recognize the contributions of human service professionals to the field of rehabilitation. "I am honored to be recognized by SWORA for my years of service to the field of rehabilitation but I am especially gratified by the achievements of the thousands of men and women with disabilities that Goodwill supports," said Joe Byrum, in his acceptance speech.



Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Named One of the Top-Rated Employment and Training Providers by Great Nonprofits

Ohio Valley Goodwill was delighted to learn in February that it was selected as one of the top-rated, user-reviewed nonprofits that provide job training or placement services by GreatNonprofits. The first-ever list shows the breadth of nonprofits stepping up to address the growing need for jobs in the struggling economy.

The ratings were posted during the 2010 Job Training and Placement Awards hosted by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user-generated ratings and reviews of nonprofits, Goodwill Industries International, the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services and Guidestar. Ratings were submitted by members of the public who have volunteered, donated or been served by nonprofits.

Over the course of the Job Training and Placement Awards, more than 116,000 people visited the GreatNonprofits website, and close to 1000 reviews were posted about more than 100 nonprofits providing job training or placement in their communities.

"We are delighted to be included in this list of top-rated nonprofits that provide training and employment services," said Joe Byrum, Goodwill President and CEO. "It is especially gratifying that the ratings are based on feedback from our many customers and users of our services," added Byrum. Reviews and comments for Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries are posted on the GreatNonprofits website at: www.greatnonprofits.org/jobs and simply look up Ohio Valley Goodwill.

Ohio Valley Goodwill thanks all of its supporters and participants for their on-going support for its important mission of putting people to work!



Easy On-Line Registration at www.cincinnati-goodwill.org or contact chairperson, Sharon Hannon at (513) 771-4800, ext. 6364

Hope to see you at the outing on June 17th

Goodwill's Celebrity Golf Outing Is Gearing Up To Celebrate Tenth Anniversary!

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is in the midst of planning for its tenth anniversary Celebrity Golf Outing on Thursday, **June 17, 2010**. Once again the gala outing will be held at the beautiful Shaker Run Golf Club in Lebanon, Ohio.

The course will be bustling with golfers, celebrities and supporters of the organization. The outing which supports Ohio Valley Goodwill and its programs and services has become a fundraising highlight for the organization. Since its inception in 2001, Goodwill Board member and former Bengal great, Joe Walter has served as celebrity chairperson for the event. Joe's energy and talent, as well as his expertise on the golf course has made the outing one of the highlights of the local golf season.

One of the attractions of the golf outing is always the silent auction and Goodwill and the event organizers are always looking for special items that can be a part of this exciting element of the outing. If you would like to donate to the auction simply contact Kim Masters at (513) 771-4800, ext. 6270.





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Your Donations Are Needed!

Ohio Valley Goodwill is always in need of clean, useable donations of textiles, household goods and small electric appliances. These donations help Goodwill with its mission to provide programs and services for men and women with disabilities, homeless veterans and others with barriers to employment. All donations must be in good **saleable** condition.

For questions call (513) 771-4800 or visit our website at:
www.cincinnati-goodwill.org

Goodwill's Auto Auction also accepts vehicles, which are sold to assist the organization with its mission to serve men and women with disabilities.

Call (513) 612-5980 or visit our website for more information about Goodwill's Auto Donation program!

Goodwill accepts the following:

- Clothing for the entire family
- Outerwear, coats and leathers
- Shoes for the entire family
- Household linens
- Seasonal items including holiday decorations
- Sporting goods
- Digital fitness equipment
- Furniture in clean usable condition
(Goodwill does not repair or reupholster)
- Small appliances in usable condition
- Dishes, kitchen items and glassware



SHOPPING & DONATING TO GOODWILL

Goodwill has 28 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
(513) 947-2800

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

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

Bellevue Goodwill Store
15 Donnermeyer Drive
Bellevue, KY 41073
(859) 291-1333

Blue Ash Attended Donation Center
9410 Kenwood Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45242
(513) 791-6058

Cheviot Goodwill Store
3980 North Bend Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45211
(513) 662-7080

Colerain Attended Donation Center
9289 Colerain Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45251
(513) 245-2964

Delhi Attended Donation Center
5080 Delhi Pike @ Former Kroger Store
Cincinnati, OH 45238

Fairfield Crossings Goodwill Store
4605 Dixie Highway
Fairfield, OH 45014
(513) 939-0020

Finneytown Attended Donation Center
6700 Winton Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45224
(513) 541-0409

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

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

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

Independence Goodwill Store
6435 Taylor Mill Rd.
Independence, KY 41051
(859) 356-5591

Landen Attended Donation Center
8927 Columbia Rd.
Landen, OH 45140
(513) 583-5461

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

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

Mason Boutique & Donation Drive-Thru
1063 Reading Rd.
Mason, OH 45040
(513) 770-3290

Milford Attended Donation Center
985 State Route 28
Milford, OH 45150
(513) 831-9900

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

Monroe Attended Donation Center
@ Cincinnati Premium Outlets
New Location!
I-75 at State Route 63 Interchange
Monroe, OH 45050

Montgomery Boutique & Donation Drive-Thru • **New Location!**
9820 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45242
(513) 791-7058

Mt. Washington Boutique & Donation Drive-Thru • **New Location!**
2234 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45230
(513) 231-1459

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

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

West Chester Attended Donation Center
7779 Tylersville & Cox Rd. @ Big Lots
West Chester, OH 45069

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

Williamsburg Goodwill Store
342 Main St.
Williamsburg, OH 44176
(513) 724-1402

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