

# OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL



## update



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### OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TEAM CELEBRATES COMMUNITY RECOGNITION!



For Ohio Valley Goodwill's Employment Services and Job Coaching team, it was a year of well-deserved recognition. Initially, the Employment Services team was recognized by Ohio Business Magazine with the 2021 Ohio Success Award in the category of "Best Nonprofit Response" in regards to its handling of COVID-19 and the impact on

the individuals the organization serves. The Ohio Success Awards honors the most successful and consistent organizations and leaders across the state.

In June, Ohio Valley Goodwill and its Employment Services team would also be honored with the 2021 Community Inclusion Award from Butler County DD, in recognition of their extraordinary response to helping individuals adversely impacted by the pandemic.

In March 2020, when mandatory business closures took effect, more than 150 people whom the organization's Employment

team had successfully placed in community employment were either laid off or jobs were eliminated. The abrupt sudden loss of these jobs was devastating to the placed individuals as well as to Goodwill's team of Job Coaches; who provide the supports needed once individuals are placed into employment. Without warning, these team members very quickly had to provide a "virtual" system of supports to keep individuals engaged and to work with employers to either re-instate the individuals once the mandates were relaxed or to create new positions. For the next three months, Goodwill's Job Coaches worked diligently to help more than 125 to return to their work situations and/or obtain new employment. All 150 individuals continue to receive support services through Goodwill.

### 20TH ANNIVERSARY GOODWILL GOLF OUTING A SUCCESS!

The morning of Thursday, June 3rd marked the official occasion of the very special 20th anniversary celebration of the Goodwill Celebrity Golf Outing. With 200 excited golfers, celebrities, volunteers and friends all gathered to mark the big day. Held at the beautiful Glenview Golf Club, this year, David Fulcher, served as Celebrity Host along with Co-Chair Stephanie Mitchell to get the exciting day started. The Celebrity Golf Outing is the single fund-raising special event which the organization hosts each year and Goodwill is very grateful for the long-time support of its partners and friends.

Joe Byrum, Goodwill President and CEO, welcomed the group along with David Fulcher, 2021 MC and both acknowledged the historic significance of celebrating 20 years of the Goodwill Golf Outing. Co-Chair Stephanie Mitchell joined Fulcher in welcoming everyone to the outing and said "I am so happy to have been the Co-Chair of the Goodwill Golf Outing for the past 10 years."

After the welcoming remarks, all 200 golfers took off in their carts listening to cheers from the enthusiastic CARE (Center for Advocacy, Recreation and Education)

ambassadors. The CARE volunteers have been a major part of the annual event for more than 10 years and are eagerly looked forward to by all of the players at the annual outing. Ohio Valley Goodwill is also pleased to welcome back the Hole-in-One volunteers from Hamilton County DD Services.

Ohio Valley Goodwill is grateful to 2021 Title Sponsor, Strategic Benefits and the 2021 Presenting Sponsors: First Financial Bank and TPC Packaging Solutions for their generous support. We also appreciate the 20 year support of 2021 returning Beverage sponsor, Palmer Leasing and Cart sponsor, Rumpke. Our thanks to Hole-in-One sponsor, the Superior Automotive Group. The 2021 Signage Sponsor is Holthaus-Lackner Signs. Ohio Valley Goodwill is very grateful to all of our 2021 Sponsors for their wonderful support of the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Goodwill Celebrity Golf Outing. All proceeds benefit the organization's more than 100 year old mission of putting people to work in the Greater Cincinnati community. To view the 2021 Golf Outing Photo Gallery, visit [www.cincinnatiatgoodwill.org/events](http://www.cincinnatiatgoodwill.org/events).



Top: Stephanie Mitchell with Dave Lapham  
Bottom: L to R: David Fulcher, MC,  
Mike Roeder, Pro, and Joe Byrum, CEO.



## PIGABILITIES ATHLETES FLY HIGH VIRTUALLY IN 2021!

For the second year in a row, Ohio Valley Goodwill's team of dedicated athletes trained for and participated in a Virtual PigAbilities event on June 22nd. More than sixteen athletes and coaches from the organization's Center for Advocacy, Recreation and Education (CARE) and Pre-Vocational Training programs joined together to fly around the track at Glenwood Gardens and successfully cross the finish line with much fanfare from their coaches. Pig Works, the hosting organization for the annual Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon, had determined that despite the situation becoming safer for athletes to engage in a larger in-person event, it was not quite safe enough yet. Next year will mark the return to the in-person PigAbilities event.

The triumphant athletes finished up the one mile course and then, returned to Ohio Valley Goodwill's corporate headquarters for the official medal ceremony in partnership with the Pig Works team; including the Pig mascot.

Ohio Valley Goodwill is proud to be the Title Sponsor of the PigAbilities event which is an empowering option for athletes of all ages and abilities who want to commit to going the distance by making healthy choices in their lives. During a typical year (pre-COVID), the PigAbilities event would take place when there are fewer crowds, increased accessibility and more parking. This year, like last year, Pig Works offered Virtual options for the Spring and Summer with a hoped-for in-person event taking place the week of October 29th-31st in downtown Cincinnati.

## GOODWILL LAUNCHES SUMMER YOUTH SERVICES

Ohio Valley Goodwill's very popular Summer Youth service began its 2021 season on Monday, June 7th. Currently, one of the largest such programs in the Greater Cincinnati area, this year's Summer Youth served 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 Goodwill provides recommendations to assist individuals in moving forward with their vocational goals.



*Left to Right at Cheviot Store: Cody Sams, Lucy Collins, and Graceann Climer with coach Adam Roberts*

For more information about Goodwill's Summer Youth services, please call (513) 771-4800. For information about Goodwill's Employment Services, visit <http://www.goodwillemploymentservices.com>

Goodwill's Summer Youth service offering is in its 10th year and is a collaborative project with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD).

## SHAREFEST 2021 GRATEFUL FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT!

Thursday, May 13th, marked the official kick-off of the 2021 ShareFest Donation Drive in partnership with the city of Oxford and Miami University. Ohio Valley Goodwill was pleased to once again be the official Donation sponsor of the annual ShareFest Donation Drive. The ShareFest event is a major community endeavor which enables students to drop off donations responsibly to support local non-profit organizations during campus move-out time. As a major sponsor of the annual ShareFest Donation Drive, three of Goodwill's donation trailers were positioned at donation central at the Chestnut Fields HQ. Due to on-going safety precautions related to COVID-19, there are no off-campus pick-ups but students and community members were very generous in their donations resulting in more than 121,000 lbs. of donated goods being collected this year.

The mission of ShareFest is a service and environmental nonprofit corporation dedicated to the collection and redistribution of items donated by Miami University students and the Oxford community at the end of the academic year.



## OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL CELEBRATES INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS!

Richard Keck currently works at the brand new Culver's Restaurant in the Tri-County area. Richard explains in his video that he enjoys his job and especially earning a good paycheck. Richard has been working at Culver's since October 2020 and was originally hired as a dishwasher but soon became responsible for a host of duties.

Richard was assisted in his job search by Goodwill Employment Specialist, Kelsey Holbrook, who helped him to apply for the open position and practice for his job interview. Both Richard and Kelsey were thrilled when Richard was hired for the position. Once Richard was hired, Goodwill's Job Coaching team provided support to ensure that Richard was performing his duties to the employer's expectations. Richard was sponsored for Employment Services by his counselor through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), Rodger Carney, who has a long-time collaborative relationship with Ohio Valley Goodwill and its Employment Services team.



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