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Goodwill Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries update

Summer 2013



Service Guild of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Celebrates 80th Anniversary

The Service Guild of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is celebrating a very special anniversary this year. Celebrating its 80th Anniversary, the Service Guild kicked off the festivities with their annual Spring Mini Fest on May 3rd and 4th in the Tri-County retail store. Once again, the volunteers of the Guild presented special homemade baked goods and candy, offered unique gift items from the Treasure Island Gift Shop, and presented dozens of collectibles at the Elegant Junque booth. "We always try very hard to have a wonderful selection for shoppers at our mini fest events," remarked Sue Burreson, current President of the Service Guild.

The history of the Goodwill Service Guild goes back many years. For scores of years, various church groups have been involved in supporting Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries through monetary gifts and through direct services. Established in 1933, the Service Guild was organized by key women from these early churches and formed the nucleus of the group which now has over 100 members. Its first leader was Mrs. Edna Woodward who provided leadership for the organization for many years.

The Service Guild and its volunteers support the Treasure Island Gift Shop which operates in the Tri-County retail store and provides much of the income that the organization generates.



Members of the Service Guild of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries - 2013.

The Service Guild also helps to promote the mission of Ohio Valley Goodwill, conducts fundraising activities to benefit special activities of the organization, and assists in outreach to the community on behalf of Ohio Valley Goodwill. Each year, Service Guild members help with the annual golf outing, sponsor the Thanksgiving, holiday, and Veterans Day luncheons, and offer a cash gift to consumers during the holiday. As a special fundraising event, the Service Guild holds a semi-annual Mini Fest each spring and fall at the Goodwill

corporate facility. The organization also offers a large cash donation to Ohio Valley Goodwill each year.

Over the years, the Service Guild has helped to sponsor many special activities including sponsorship of runners in the annual "Flying Pig" Marathon and other activities that consumers and staff have been involved in on part of the organization. The Service Guild is truly an ambassador for Ohio Valley Goodwill.

In this, their 80th year, we salute the Service Guild for their dedication and support of Ohio Valley Goodwill and thank each member for the time they have given to our organization. Ohio Valley Goodwill appreciates the work and commitment that the Service Guild has given over the past 80 years, and we congratulate them on this special anniversary!

Ohio Valley Goodwill's Food Service Training Program Receives The "Clean Kitchen Award"



Chef Alison McElfresh – recipient of Hamilton County Public Health "Clean Kitchen Award"

Ohio Valley Goodwill's Food Service Training program was delighted to receive the "Clean Kitchen Award" this spring from the Hamilton County Public Health Department for outstanding sanitation practices in its kitchen preparation area. Housed at its corporate headquarters, the busy food services kitchen serves between 150 to 200 meals per day to its program participants, staff and other visitors, and also serves as the training site for Goodwill's Food Service Training program.

"I'm very proud of our staff and trainees that do the hard work necessary to meet the requirements outlined by Hamilton County Public Health," said Alison McElfresh, Chef and Supervisor.

Goodwill's Food Service Training program offers the opportunity for trainees to learn all of the skills related to working in a restaurant setting or other food service oriented occupation. Participants in the Goodwill program are typically sponsored by the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. The goal is to help individuals learn the skills needed for employment and then to get jobs in the community. "We are pleased to partner with Hamilton County Public Health to provide Food Handler Training and certification for our trainees," said McElfresh. Hamilton County Public Health certificates enhance their marketability in terms of future job placement.

For more information about Goodwill's Food Service Training program, visit www.cincinnatiatgoodwill.org/ services. Our thanks to Hamilton County Public Health Department for their recognition and on-going partnership with Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries.

Goodwill Participates in New "PigAbilities" Event as Part of Flying Pig Marathon

As a part of this year's Flying Pig Marathon, Ohio Valley Goodwill team members participated in the first-ever "PigAbilities" which is an event within the Flying Pig Marathon for people with disabilities to help them achieve their distance goal through a progressive training program. This year, more than 150 athletes took part in the new event. Athletes representing many of the organizations who are part of the Community Ambassadors Resource Alliance (CARA), a non-profit dedicated to enriching the lives of people with disabilities, took part in this event. Ohio Valley Goodwill is a founding member of the CARA group and was thrilled to take part in the new PigAbilities event which was the culmination of a 12-week training program for the athletes involved.

PigAbilities team members set individual goals for their training efforts, learned about nutrition and making healthy choices, and celebrated milestones along the way. The day of the marathon served as the occasion for all of the athletes to finish the 26th mile of the famous race and receive a medal for their efforts. Ohio Valley Goodwill team members this year included program participants Kristine Agoston, Craig Franta, Melinda Gableman, and Goodwill staff members, Sharon Hannon, Darlene O'Hair and the Agoston family. Also joining the team were athletes from Catholic Residential Services, Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services, Stepping Stones Center, RHC, United Cerebral Palsy and Visionaries and Voices. The Goodwill team members loved having their dedication to good health recognized and dozens of on-lookers cheered on the racers throughout the event and applauded the athletes when medals were awarded.

We congratulate all the members of Team Goodwill for their success in this year's PigAbilities event!



Top 10 Ways To Help Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries

1. Donate clothing and household goods to us!
2. Outsource your business needs to Goodwill's Industrial Services division.
3. Shop at Goodwill's retail stores in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.
4. Donate an unwanted vehicle to Goodwill's auto donation program.
5. Remember Goodwill in your will.
6. Have a Goodwill representative speak to your organization.
7. Make a financial contribution to Goodwill.
8. Hire a graduate from one of Goodwill's vocational training programs.
9. Come for a tour of Goodwill Industries.
10. Tell someone everything you know about Goodwill!



Donating and Shopping Supports Programs, Services and Employment!

Ohio Valley Goodwill Celebrates 13th Annual Celebrity Golf Outing

Despite a stormy start, Goodwill's 2013 annual Celebrity Golf Outing started only a few minutes late on the morning of June 13th at Glenview Golf Club. Event coordinators and Glenview staff were greeted with early morning torrential rain and wind, but fortunately good humor and positive optimism prevailed and almost 200 golfers got off to a relatively sunny start.

This year marked the 13th anniversary of the Goodwill golf event and Honorary Chairman Joe Walter, along with President and CEO, Joe Byrum, thanked the assembled sponsors, players and volunteers for their support over the past 13 years. "We could not have this wonderful event without your support and participation, and we are very grateful for your on-going commitment to Goodwill's mission of service to individuals with disabilities," said Joe Byrum. The annual golf outing is the single fundraising event that the organization hosts each year in support of its programs and services.



Members of Goodwill's CARE Program with Celebrity Chairman Joe Walter (standing middle) helping to cheer on golfers!

Joining Joe Walter this year were a host of celebrity players including former Bengals Jim Breech, David Fulcher, Dave Lapham, and others. "I'm always so happy to join with my fellow athletes in supporting such an important cause," said Joe Walter.

One of the highlights of the annual event in recent years has been the Spectacular Helicopter Ball Drop which takes place at the end of play. Thousands of golf balls are dropped from a helicopter to the delight of watching spectators and a lucky winner is selected as one ball lands closet to the pin for a grand prize of \$2,500.

Ohio Valley Goodwill is grateful to 2013 Presenting Sponsors: MVD Communications and US Bank, Beverage Sponsor: Palmer Leasing, Cart Sponsor: Rumpke, Helicopter Ball Drop Sponsor: Tape Products Company, Grill Station Sponsor: Village Pantry Catering, Dinner Sponsor: Lothar's Catering, Signage Sponsor: Holthaus-Lackner Signs, Hole-In-One Sponsor: McCluskey Chevrolet as well as Celebrity Host, Joe Walter.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Hosts Visits by State Representatives During Spring

May was a busy month for Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries when the staff and leadership of the organization hosted four tours for State of Ohio Representatives who came to visit the facility to see first-hand the operations and services available at the corporate facility. On May 6th, Goodwill welcomed Representative Louis Terhar and his wife, Debe, President of the Ohio State Board of Education, for an extensive tour of the facility. Both were interested in Goodwill's training and employment programs and how the organization prepares individuals with disabilities for employment in the community. On May 10th, the organization welcomed Representative John Becker for a tour during which time the newly-elected legislator took the time to tour the entire facility and especially learn more about how Ohio Valley Goodwill serves our nation's veterans. Later in the month on May 16th, Goodwill welcomed Representative Wes Retherford to the corporate facility for an extensive tour and



State Representative Louis Terhar and wife Debe visiting Ohio Valley Goodwill



Michael Flannery, Goodwill Public Information Officer and State Representative John Becker



State Representative Margaret Conditt and Joe Byrum, Goodwill President and CEO



Michael Flannery, Goodwill Public Information Officer and State Representative Wes Retherford

visit of the operation. Of particular interest for Representative Rutherford was the economic impact that the organization has in helping people to go to work in the local community. Finally, on May 24th, the organization welcomed Representative Margaret Conditt who

indicated that, "I am especially pleased to see the work that Goodwill is doing to help veterans get back in the workforce."

"It is always of mutual benefit when we can have our legislative leaders come to visit our facility and see our program and services in action and talk to the people that we serve," said Joe Byrum, Goodwill President and CEO. "They always go away with a much more keen understanding of just how much we really do to benefit men and women with disabilities and our nation's veterans." Goodwill thanks these State Representatives for making time to visit Ohio Valley Goodwill during the month of May.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Wins 2013 Best of Cincinnati Thrift/Vintage Store From CityBeat Magazine

Ohio Valley Goodwill was excited to hear that it was once again the recipient of the 2013 "Best of Cincinnati" award in the category of Thrift/Vintage Clothing Store from CityBeat Magazine. This is the fourth time in recent years that Goodwill's network of 15 retail stores has been singled out for this prestigious honor. The CityBeat awards reflect the votes of their readership as well as their editorial staff team. Goodwill is honored to be selected for the 2013 "Best in Cincinnati" award.

The prestigious award was formally announced at a gala celebration on Wednesday, March 27th when members from Goodwill's retail sales team were honored to be a part of the CityBeat "Best of Cincinnati" party. The group from Goodwill enjoyed the opportunity to interact with other attendees by acting as models for the organization and wearing outfits that were put

together from items sold at their stores. They served as walking ambassadors sharing the story of their fashions and the amazingly affordable prices. The Goodwill team also wore "Scan Me" buttons throughout the event which helped to promote the idea of people "liking" Goodwill on its Facebook page. "The event was a wonderful chance to get the Goodwill story out and to share with people all of the exciting things about how shopping truly impacts our mission of service to the community," said Ann Walters, Goodwill's Sales Manager.

Ohio Valley Goodwill thanks CityBeat magazine and all of its readers who voted for Goodwill in the category of Best Thrift/Vintage Clothing Store this year!



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Ohio Valley Goodwill Receives Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries is pleased to announce that it has received word from U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) in early July that the organization has been awarded a new federal grant from U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP). The \$600,000 grant will be used to provide job training and support for homeless veterans.

"The men and women of the Armed Forces have been made a promise that if they defend our country, a grateful nation will provide them with services and benefits they have earned," Brown, a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, said. "These federal funds are a down payment in the promise to support those who have already given so much to our nation."

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center will utilize the funds for a variety of support services, including education and job training, counseling, job placement, and follow up assistance for homeless veterans in Cincinnati.

In the Greater Cincinnati area, Ohio Valley Goodwill has helped thousands of veterans build their civilian careers. Locally, in 2012, Ohio Valley Goodwill served more than 700 veterans. Since the early 1990's, the organization has helped more than 5000 veterans to receive assistance with transitional and permanent housing, skill training, and job placement assistance as well as case management support. "We are very proud of the quality services that we have been providing for the past twenty years for the hundreds of men and women that we have served at Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries," said Charlie Blythe, Goodwill's Grants Director. "This new grant will enable us to provide even greater services to more people."

"We are so pleased that Ohio Valley Goodwill has been awarded this new grant from the U.S. Department of Labor for our veterans program which will enable us to provide service excellence to our nation's veterans and continue the outstanding provision of vocational training that this program has become known for in the Greater Cincinnati community," said Joseph Byrum, President and CEO of Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries.

For more information about Ohio Valley Goodwill's programs and services for our nation's veterans, please visit www.cincinnati-goodwill.org/services or call 513-631-4500.

SHOPPING & DONATING TO GOODWILL

Goodwill has 29 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

Aurora Attended Donation Center
1030 Green Blvd.
Aurora, IN 47001
(812) 926-8139

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

Cold Spring Attended Donation Center
4691 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076
(859) 441-0803

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

Lebanon Goodwill Store
1161 E. Main St.
Lebanon, OH 45036
(513) 932-6856

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

Montgomery Boutique & Donation Drive-Thru
9820 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45242
(513) 791-7058

Mt. Washington Boutique & Donation Drive-Thru
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
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West Chester, OH 45069

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