

OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL



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OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL DELIGHTED TO BE ROYAL SPONSOR FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN BEE HALF MARATHON!



Ohio Valley Goodwill's team was fully engaged in the 10th Anniversary Celebration of this year's Queen Bee Half Marathon and Expo. As a proud Royal Sponsor of the historic event, Goodwill presented its annual "Bee-Tique" at the Expo event on Friday, October 13th. Led by Retail Team Members Alleen AdoMako and Tammy Case, the ever popular "Bee-Tique" is a must stop for Expo attendees. This year's Goodwill "Bee-Tique" offered an array of affordable athleisure and running gear which were the buzz of Expo attendees.

The Queen Bee is designed to be an empowering event for women in the Greater Cincinnati community and Goodwill is proud to support the race. As one of the original sponsors of the Queen Bee, Goodwill has been a prominent supporter throughout its 10 years of existence.

Team Goodwill was also fully involved in the Half Marathon and 4 Miler on Saturday, October 14th with several athletes participating in the various events as well as the post-race celebration. "Goodwill is so excited that we are able to help celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Queen Bee Half Marathon and its mission of empowering women," said Sharon Hannon, Marketing Director.

GOODWILL CELEBRATES NEW TEAM MEMBERS AND RETIREES!

Ohio Valley Goodwill is pleased to announce several new members of its Leadership and Management team. New Vice Presidents of Retail and Human Resources, Dawn Corley and Kelly Schoembs joined the Goodwill team in late Summer and new Supervisor for the Center for Advocacy, Education and Recreation (CARE) program Shelley Darkwa was appointed in October upon the retirement of long-time Coordinator, Lois Kramer. Kramer originally started the CARE program in 2004 and served as its Manager for the past 19 years. The CARE program received the Award of Excellence in 2006 and was consistently recognized by Butler DD with the Community Impact award over the years. Ohio Valley Goodwill is grateful to Lois Kramer for her incomparable leadership and support of the award-winning CARE program and looks forward to its future growth under the leadership of the new CARE Supervisor, Shelley Darkwa.

Our most sincere welcome to Vice Presidents Dawn Corley and Kelly Schoembs and we look forward to your contributions to Ohio Valley Goodwill in the future.

In addition, long time Sales Manager, Ann Krummen retired from the Retail division at the end of October after serving the organization for more than 18 years. Under Krummen's tenure, Ohio Valley Goodwill expanded its retail footprint and donation centers as well as its staff support team. Ohio Valley Goodwill is grateful to Ann for her service and wishes her well in her future adventures.



Dawn Corley



Kelly Schoembs



Shelley Darkwa

OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL WELCOMES LEGISLATIVE GUESTS

Ohio Valley Goodwill was pleased to welcome State Representatives Bill Seitz, Jennifer Gross and Adam Bird for tours of the organization's Employment and Training Center this Fall. The purpose of these important visits is to provide the elected officials with more information about the organization's award-winning programs and services for the individuals served as well as its overall economic impact in the Greater Cincinnati community. Our most sincere thanks to our guests for taking the time to learn more about Goodwill's mission of service.



Mark Hiemstra, OVGI President and CEO with Representative Bill Seitz



Mark Hiemstra, CEO, with Representative Adam Bird and OAGI Executive Director, Prince Garuba



Representative Jennifer Gross

CARE HALLOWEEN FASHION SHOW DEBUTS ON FACEBOOK LIVE!



As has become an annual holiday tradition, Goodwill's models from its Center for Advocacy, Recreation and Education (CARE) program debuted their annual Halloween Fashion Show on "Thursdays at One" on September 28th. Nine models participated in this year's Halloween Fashion Show including: Kristine Agoston, Jazmin Childers, Jordan Goss, Doug Frank, Dan Holt, Eddie Morgan, Liz Roy, Michelle Slabaugh, and Elizabeth Steele.

View the 2023 Halloween Fashion Show at www.youtube.com/cincinnatiatgoodwill Our most sincere Thanks to our wonderful and inspiring CARE models for their participation and support!



OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL HONORED AT 2023 OHIO SUCCESS AWARDS LUNCHEON!

Ohio Valley Goodwill was honored to be recognized with the 2023 Ohio Success Award by Ohio Business Magazine on Thursday, October 19th at an Awards luncheon held at the Dayton Convention Center.

Presented by Ohio Business Magazine, the fifth annual Ohio Success Awards honors growth companies, nonprofits and governmental organizations across the state of Ohio. The Ohio Success Awards recognizes the accomplishments of companies that have demonstrated growth in revenue and employees, as well as having demonstrated involvement in their community and service in their industry; nonprofits that have made a significant impact upon the communities they serve; and governmental organizations that have created unique value or opportunities based upon their ingenuity, partnership and perseverance. Goodwill has been selected for recognition with the Ohio Success Award consistently since 2019. Our thanks to Ohio Business Magazine for this prestigious recognition of Ohio Valley Goodwill's community impact.



Ohio Valley Goodwill congratulates the following individuals on their service and dedication.

Executive Staff

Flannery, Michael 15 years

Industrial Services

Smith, Tara 5 years
 Siddiqui, Daniel 5 years
 Hughes, Belinda 10 years
 Hill, Gregory 15 years
 Satyavolu, Vinod 15 years
 Brown, Pennington 15 years
 Biggs, Theresa 20 years
 Washington, Christine 30 year

Facilities

Catron, Clayborn 15 years

Rehabilitation Services

Martin, Lisa 5 years
 Abdullah, Halimah 5 years
 Spires, Barbara 5 years
 Pelletier, Kristen 10 years
 Darkwa, Shelley 10 years
 Holden, Sandra 15 years
 Camp Bedel, Maryanne 15 years
 Ensley, Candace 15 years
 Smith, Paula 15 years
 Ward, Cheryl 20 years
 Payne, Kimberly 25 years
 Brown, Versailles 25 years
 Miller, Kip Erin 25 years
 Blythe, Charles 30 years
 Woolley, Nancy 50 years

Administrative Services

Ware, Hope 10 years
 Mendoza, Ana 15 years

Contributed Goods

Rowling, Dawnette 5 years
 Shields, Jerry 5 years
 Williams, Candace 5 years
 Weinstiger, William 5 years
 Barkley, Matthew 5 years
 Polzin, Fredrick 5 years
 Hubbard, Viia 5 years
 Huck, Lachlan 5 years
 Thompkins, Donte 5 years
 Franklin, Larry 5 years
 Dunham, Lynette 5 years
 Ruge, Patricia 5 years
 Rivera, Cynthia 5 years
 Bennett, Leo 10 years
 Frech, David 10 years
 Deaton, Kimberly 10 years
 Patterson, Ivy 10 years
 Nunnelley, Kimberly 10 years
 Blackburn, John 15 years
 Pacheco, Elsa 15 years
 Borin, Nancy Lynn 20 years
 Mackey-Stewart, Nikita 20 years
 Lawson, Kevin 30 years
 Hunkler, Ronald 30 years



Sharon Hannon, Marketing Director with Melinda Gabelman

SELF ADVOCATE HONORED AT INAUGURAL ADVOCACY SUMMIT!

Ohio Valley Goodwill was pleased to be in attendance at the inaugural Neighbors in Action Advocacy Summit on Saturday, September 30th. The first time event was inspired by past Advocacy Director for Hamilton County DD Services, John Romer, who led the agency's Self-Advocacy efforts for many years. Long time Self-Advocate, Melinda Gabelman was selected for recognition with the first time John Romer Advocacy Award in the Honorable Mention category.

Goodwill was delighted to support Advocacy Award winner, Melinda Gabelman during this inaugural event. Melinda received Honorable Mention in recognition of her many years of self-advocacy efforts in support of community education about Prader Willi Syndrome, improving accessible transportation options in Hamilton County, as well as support of the Board and its levy campaigns and as a founding member of Goodwill's Consumer Advisory Council.

Melinda has been recognized many times over the years for her outstanding self-advocacy achievements including with the 2004 SWORA Advocacy Award, 2006 Sue Breiner Advocacy Award from HCDSS as well as a member of Goodwill Consumer Advisory Committee with the 2010 Superintendent's Award. Our most sincere congratulations to Ms. Melinda Gabelman on this well-deserved Advocacy Award.

OHIO VALLEY GOODWILL CELEBRATES DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

Ohio Valley Goodwill took the opportunity to formally thank its Direct Support Professional team during the celebration of National Direct Support Appreciation Week this year for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the individuals the organization serves.

Thanks to our DSP team and their outstanding contributions to Goodwill's 107 year mission of service, almost 2000 people annually are empowered on their journey to personal success. You are all an invaluable part of our mission and we are grateful for your support.



L to R: Chelsea Ashcraft, Halimah Abdullah, Nicole Chandler, Leroy Smith, Mark Hiemstra.

Mark Hiemstra, President & CEO
Bill Courtney, Chairman Board of Directors
Sharon Hannon, Newsletter Editor

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