



Serving Marion, Delaware, Union, Crawford, and Morrow Counties

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GOODTIMES

## President's Corner

Dear Friends,

During the holidays, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our yearly success possible, it is in this spirit we say...THANK YOU and best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with peace and prosperity.

While shopping and donating at our stores this holiday season, remember, when you give to Goodwill, Goodwill gives back to your community. Thanks to your support, we are able to fund programs and services which provide training and assistance to individuals with barriers to employment.



Bob Jordan  
President/CEO

We welcome your comments  
and suggestions, please email:  
info@mariongoodwill.org.

## Increased Donations Lead to New Goodwill Donation Booths!

You might have noticed a shiny, blue addition to your community. Due to the generous amount of donations received from community members, Marion Goodwill Industries has added several brand new donation booths throughout our five counties. You can always donate at any of our eight retail stores, but these additional donation booths are convenient for donating anytime!

**New Booth Locations: (For additional booth locations, please visit [www.mariongoodwill.org](http://www.mariongoodwill.org))**

**Bucyrus:** True Value; South Plaza

**Galena:** Delaware Bank

**Marion:** Custom Professional Accounting

**Marysville:** McAuliffe's Ace Hardware

**Prospect:** Dexter's IGA

**Richwood:** Richwood Cardinal Market

### Shopgoodwill.com offers no shipping cost for local pick-ups!

Goodwill's auction based website, Shopgoodwill.com, allows you to buy Goodwill's unique items online. These three simple steps allow customers to save on shipping costs by purchasing locally:

1. Click on Search at the top of the page.
2. Click on Seller and scroll down to OH-Powell-Marion Goodwill Industries.
3. Items purchased through Marion Goodwill Industries and picked up at our Powell location have no shipping costs!



## End of the Year Tax Deduction For Your Car Donation

Through Goodwill's Wheels-to-Work program, you can help yourself and those in need. People often think getting rid of a car is a hassle. Thanks to Goodwill, it doesn't have to be! Simply donate your road worthy vehicle to Goodwill and receive an end of the year tax deduction.

1. Bring your road worthy car to any of our store locations
2. We match up the car with a low-income worker so they can affordably retain employment
3. You get a tax deduction for your car...  
HASSLE FREE

## MISSION

The mission of Marion Goodwill Industries is to assist individuals with disabilities and other special needs to attain self-sufficiency

through employment and training, thus enabling them to reach their maximum potential in the community.



## Goodwill Puts People to Work

Our Workforce Development program, funded through retail sales, helps individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment enter the job market. Through job training, development, and placement, individuals explore possible careers and are matched with appropriate employment opportunities in their community.

For additional information, contact the VP of Workforce Development, Doris Turner, by emailing [dturner@mariongoodwill.org](mailto:dturner@mariongoodwill.org).

**YOUR DONATIONS HELP CREATE  
JOBS LOCALLY!**

## Coats For Christmas

Thank you to everyone who donated to Coats for Christmas. If you know of someone in need of a warm, winter coat, they can pick one up at one of the following locations Saturday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

- \*Tri-Rivers Career Center in Marion
- \*St. Peters School in Upper Sandusky
- \*Amvets Post #27 in Bucyrus

## 8 Retail Locations

**ALL with Attended Donation Centers!**

**Delaware:** 171 S. Sandusky St. (D.C. Plaza) 1135 B. Columbus Pike (Rt. 23)

**Galion:** 753 Carter Dr. (Discount Drug Mart Plaza)

**Lewis Center:** 123 Neverland Dr. (Synergy Shopping Center)

**Marion:** 1637 Marion-Mt. Gilead Rd. (Forum Shopping Center)

**Marysville:** 305 S. Main St.

**Powell:** 3969 Powell Rd. (Powell Crossing Shopping Center)

210 N. Liberty St. (Donation Center/Shopgoodwill.com)

**Sunbury:** 149 St. Rt. 3 (Sunbury Mills Plaza)

## Stories of Success

Arlene, a native of the Philippines, came to the U.S. in 2005 and began working for Goodwill in 2006. Initially, Arlene had a lot of barriers to face at work trying to take on both a new language and currency system. She found herself easily frustrated, and she lacked confidence. The Delaware North Store has worked with Arlene to break down those barriers and make her feel more comfortable and capable in her surroundings. Since her employment with Goodwill, Arlene has come leaps and bounds. She is a determined, hard worker, who is always smiling and very flexible.



**Arlene**

Arlene has progressed from her original duties of cleaning and small wares processing to hanging, sorting, and pricing. She aspires to be a cashier, and she continues to practice with money to achieve that goal.

When asked what her favorite part of working at Goodwill is, Arlene simply stated, "everything, I love everything." Working on the floor and greeting customers has aided Arlene in learning English. She explains, "I didn't speak English very well. I learned a lot from Goodwill. I know how to count the money; before I didn't know how to count...I'm so proud of me." She is very grateful for her experience with Goodwill and says, "Working at Goodwill is like a family."

## Nearly 300 Local Girl Scouts Earned Patches through Goodwill



In November, Goodwill took part in Girl Scout Good Turn Day. Local Girl Scouts did a 'good turn' for the community by collecting used clothing, books, housewares, and other items to be donated to Goodwill or by volunteering their time in a store. After participating, the girls received a patch to recognize their efforts.

The Scouts exceeded our expectations as they showed in up in masses and made this first time event a huge success. A total of 296 girls participated and will receive patches for their service.

**THANK YOU GIRL SCOUTS!**

**SHOP.  
DONATE.  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**