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GOOD TIMES

President's Corner

Dear Friends,
 The New Year is finally upon us...and with it comes countless resolutions. Many of us set goals to lose weight, break bad habits, or pick up good ones. I think the best thing anyone can resolve to do is a little piece of good for their community.

Goodwill is known for our retail stores and the donations that make the stores possible. What you might not know, is that the retail sales fund programs and services which help individuals in YOUR COMMUNITY get jobs. Plus, there are other ways you can help Goodwill and your community. Here are tips for you to make the most of the New Year.



Bob Jordan
 President/CEO

We welcome your comments and suggestions, please email:
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10 Ways YOU Can Make a Difference!!

1. Donate gently used goods.
2. Shop at Goodwill retail stores.
3. Donate your used vehicle.
4. Organize a clothing drive.
5. Hire a Goodwill referral.
6. Subcontract with Goodwill.
7. Make a financial contribution.
8. Participate in a Wheel-A-Thon.
9. Refer people to Goodwill job training services.
10. Have a Goodwill representative speak to your organization.

PRIZES!!

Eggs!

Candy!

Mini-Golf!

Easter Bunny Pictures!

Saturday, March 27th from 1-4p.m., Goodwill will be hosting an Easter Eggs-travaganza at Blue Fusion in Marion...clear your calendars for a fun-filled, family-friendly event!
 The Easter Bunny will be available for low cost photo opportunities, and Ballocity and Cosmic Mini-Golf will be just a dollar donation each per person!



Changing Lives, One Job At A Time!



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Supporter Name:

Share a Smile, Change a Life!

Starting in late January, all eight of our Goodwill Retail locations will be participating in a "Share a Smile" Campaign.

For just a one dollar donation (or more), you will be recognized as a Goodwill supporter, and we will display a "Smiling G" with your name.

By supporting Goodwill, you will be putting a real smile on the face of a local community member as you help put them on track toward employment success!

Your donations, large or small, will help Goodwill do even more for your community.

We look forward to seeing a sea of blue smiles in our stores!

Stories of Success

Goodwill first met Robert in March of 2006 through our Workforce Development Department. After years of a stable work history, working mostly in factories in the Mansfield area, he suffered a three year span of unemployment before his mother's friend told her about BVR (Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation). Robert participated in a four week Work Adjustment Program at the Goodwill store, and his work ethic and work skills earned him a part-time position.

An accommodation was made to allow Robert to sit part of his shift. During this time he cleans small wares and checks electrical appliances. He also maintains cleanliness throughout the store and tends the donation center. Robert continues to work two days each week. He is a very dependable and faithful employee, never coming in late and missing only one day of work in three years! Coworkers say he knows his job very well and can be depended upon to do it right. Robert enjoys his job and is proud to tell others that he works at Goodwill.

Robert likes watching his favorite Ohio sports teams, especially the Cleveland Browns, and spending time with his dog.



Robert

Goodwill's Emergency Clothing Program

Our Emergency Clothing Program provides assistance to individuals and families in need of emergency clothing at no charge. Emergency clothing also applies to individuals in need of professional attire for job interviews.

Individuals in need of clothing must be deemed eligible by one of the following organizations: Turning Point, the Marion Shelter Program, Job & Family Services, Heart of Ohio Mentoring, Helpline, Connections, the Red Cross, or the Juvenile Court. **After receiving a voucher** from one of these organizations, families are welcomed into Goodwill stores to shop for the items they need. This process allows each individual the freedom to choose items from Goodwill's vast inventory, rather than a limited number of goods donated directly to an agency.

8 Retail Locations

ALL with Attended Donation Centers!

Delaware: 171 S. Sandusky St. (D.C. Plaza)

1135 B. Columbus Pike (Rt. 23 - Delaware Square Shopping Center)

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)

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

Shopgoodwill/Donation Center: 210 N. Liberty St. (Powell)

Make Sure Your Donations Count!

Sometimes donating during store business hours isn't feasible with a busy schedule...this is why we gladly accept your smaller donations at any of our 15 donation booths located throughout our five county region.



We would just like to remind you to **DONATE RESPONSIBLY!**

Recently, there has been a large number of unattended collection bins popping up in cities. While genuine companies, such as Goodwill, use these bins to accept donations for charitable, non-profit purposes, some of the bins are run by for-profit organizations.

When you drop it in the blue box, you can be sure your donations will stay local and support your community!

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.



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