

# Just The Facts

## **Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands South Carolina, Inc.**

Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands South Carolina (GIUMSC) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization founded in Greenville, SC in 1973. We are one of 166 independent, community-based Goodwill organizations in North America that make up Goodwill Industries International.

GIUMSC serves the South Carolina counties of Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Kershaw, Laurens, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, and Union.

## **Our Mission**

Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands South Carolina helps people with disabilities and other special needs become fully independent citizens through education, training, and employment leading to job placement.

During the 2008/2009 fiscal year, GIUMSC provided employment services for 17,849 people and created a potential economic impact of over \$47 million through the wages of the 2,839 people placed directly into employment.

## **Goodwill Turns Your Donations Into Jobs**

Every service, program, and opportunity GIUMSC is able to provide begins with a donation. Because members of our community give so generously, GIUMSC is able to sell gently-used donated merchandise in our 27 retail stores and generate the funding to support our job training and placement programs.

During the 2008/2009 fiscal year, over 52 million pounds of donated goods were recycled and given new life through GIUMSC, including over 982,000 pounds of computers and electronics that were recycled and reused instead of being disposed of in landfills.

## **Our Services**

GIUMSC provides the following job training and placement services:

- Individuals can receive assistance with their job search at our nine Job Connection locations. Job Connection services include job leads and referrals, access to computers and the internet for online applications and job searching, instruction in Resume Development and Interview Skills, and community resource referrals.
- Goodwill provides curriculum-based and work experience training in the following areas: Retail/Customer Service, Nursing Assistant, and Food Service with ServSafe Certification.
- Classes offered include Forklift Safety, ServSafe Certification, First Aid/CPR, English as Second Language, and Basic Computer Literacy.

GIUMSC also builds revenue—and creates jobs—by contracting with businesses and government to provide a wide range of commercial services, including packaging and assembly, temporary staffing solutions, custodial work, and grounds maintenance.

92 cents of every dollar spent by GIUMSC goes to some aspect of program services.



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