GOOD TOGETHER

Donations from South Carolina businesses support Goodwill’s programs.

Businesses in the Upstate and Midlands are known for their generosity, and with good reason. Thank you to the following local businesses who supported Goodwill with their recent donations:

- APIC’s
- BlueCross Blue Shield South Carolina
- Dollar General
- Joan Herlong/Sotheby’s
- Sportsman’s Warehouse

These donations helped Goodwill provide several scholarships for our industry training programs, hours of case management services, and support services for our participants, creating long-lasting and life-changing impact for people right here in South Carolina.

GREAT NEWS

Youth & Family Services Centers

Did you know that Goodwill offers services to youth and families in our communities that range from GED completion to parenting classes? We offer:

- GED Boot Camp
- Certified Nursing Assistance Training
- Financial Stability Courses
- Work Readiness Workshops
- Career Navigation and Coaching
- Tax Preparation Assistance
- Parenting classes

45 E. Main Street | PWCC Coming soon!

SEE THE GOOD

Join us for #MidlandsGives May 5th!

An initiative of Central Carolina Community Foundation, Midlands Gives brings the region together as one community throughout the year, raising money and awareness for local nonprofits in 11 Midlands counties. Since 2014, Midlands Gives has raised more than $33 million for hundreds of local nonprofits.

This year, GLUMSC will be participating in Midlands Gives with a focus on raising funds to support our Operation: GoodJobs Program (OJG). The mission of OJG is to assist veterans and military families achieve financial strength and advance along their career pathway. We hope you make plans to join us for the annual 18-hour giving day on May 5, 2020. For more information, visit MidlandsGives.org

THE POWER OF WORK

Veterans Services and Digital Skills

Jimmy Slade first learned about the Goodwill Digital Career Accelerator (GDCA) and Operation: GoodJobs (OJG) while attending an information session held at a local partner. After the session, Jimmy informed OJG staff that he recently retired from the Army after 26 years of service and was interested in exploring new career fields to support his young family.

Jimmy decided to attend a formal OJG orientation and he worked with a veteran career coach to develop an Individual Career Financial Plan. Although he had experience as a dental specialist in the military, Jimmy was interested in pursuing a career in Information Technology. Jimmy’s goals included completing a CompTIA A+ certificate, gaining employment in IT customer service, paying off debt and building an emergency savings. Jimmy also applied to earn at least $50,000 annually. Jimmy completed his CompTIA A+ certificate and soon after obtained his first post-military placement as a forklift driver earning $17.50/hr. While working in this position, Jimmy was approved for GDCA and OJG funding to pursue Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) training and certification. In February 2019, Jimmy earned his ITIL certificate and a few months later he became the Executive Officer overseeing the IT department at Fort Jackson’s Dental Activity.

Jimmy is extremely pleased with his new position and he says that having the CompTIA and ITIL certificates provided a much needed edge for success. Additionally, Jimmy has met all of his individual career financial planning goals which include paying off all debt, creating a comfortable emergency fund and earning over $72,000 annually.

This year, Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands South Carolina is participating in the Midlands Gives fundraising event to specifically support the Operation: GoodJobs Program and services for veterans and their dependents like Jimmy. Read more on MidlandsGives inside this newsletter!

GOOD NEWS: PELZER LOCATION OPENING SPRING 2020!

Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands South Carolina will be opening its new Pelzer location in the Spring of 2020! Located at the intersection of SC Highway 20 and Old Pelzer Road, this Anderson County location will include a retail store, donation center, and Goodwill Job Connection.

Ken Betsch with Betsch Associates will design the facility. Pelzer will represent Goodwill’s 37th store location and 29th Goodwill Job Connection.
Dear Friends of Goodwill:

Here we are at the beginning of a new year and, though it is hard to believe, a new decade. For me, there is a distinct thrill of excitement as I look ahead to the possibilities of the year before me and wonder what might be different in my life or in my community by the end of this year.

For the people we serve, a year – or even a month or two – can mean the difference between unemployment and a good job; between uncertainty and stability; between despair and hope. The changes in thousands of lives are possible thanks to your generosity and the generosity of many others in our community.

Thank you for your continued support of Goodwill and our mission of helping people become independent through employment. Together, we are creating a year of promise and a year of change for thousands of people here in our communities.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tony Bell
Chair, Board of Directors

GOODWILL IMPACT PRESENTATIONS

Join us for a "behind the scenes" tour!

We welcome you to a behind the scenes Goodwill Impact Presentation so that you can learn more about our programs and participant journeys.

Join us as we share about our education and training, workforce development, and employment initiatives.

Upcoming presentation dates:
- Friday, 2/28/20 - 12:00 PM Greenville
- Friday, 3/6/20 - 8:00 AM Greenville
- Friday, 3/13/20 - 12:00 PM Greenville
- Friday, 3/20/20 - 8:30 AM Spartanburg
- Tuesday, 3/24/20 - 12:00 PM Greenville
- Wednesday, 4/1/20 - 8:30 AM Greenville
- Tuesday, 4/7/20 - 12:00 PM Greenville
- Tuesday, 4/28/20 - 12:00 PM Greenville
- Friday, 5/8/20 - 9:00 AM Columbia

The presentation will allow you to see how the “stuff” that you donate is turned into revenue that funds Goodwill’s ability to put people back to work. Company groups are also welcomed.

Please contact Gerry Partridge, Development Manager at gpartridge@goodwillsc.org or 864-351-0137 to get signed up for a presentation today!

BOARD SPOTLIGHT: NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP IN 2020

Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands South Carolina is fortunate to have a talented, passionate group of volunteers on our Board of Directors, who give their time and expertise to lead Goodwill. Please join us in welcoming our 2020 class of directors, including four first-time members and one returning member.

Our board officers for 2020 are: Tony Bell (Chair), Jenny Gonzalez (Vice-Chair), Michele Brinn (Secretary), and Jerod Mann (Treasurer). For a full list of directors, please visit www.goodwillsc.org/about/leadership.

Thank you to all of our board members, who give their time and talents so generously to serve Goodwill and our community.

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ELIZABETH (BETSY) STEIFLE
BANK OF TRAVELERS REST - RETURNING MEMBER

WOMEN OF GOODWILL

Recognizing the power of female philanthropy

Over the last decade, the percentage of female philanthropists has been on the rise. With a trend towards “sustainable” investing, and charitable donations that align with social and/or environmental goals, Goodwill has been fortunate to be the beneficiary of generous donations of several key women in our region.

The Women of Goodwill will be advocates for the community and support the organization’s mission, its participants and associates through philanthropy and volunteerism. Stay tuned for the launch of this initiative in early May!

SPRING SALE

Join us Sunday, April 12th as we open our doors for this year’s Spring Sale event! We’ll be open from 1pm - 5pm offering 50% off the entire store - including New Goods and Clearance Centers!

While supplies last, make a purchase on April 12th and receive an Easter egg containing a SURPRISE coupon for savings on your next in-store purchase (valid from April 13th - April 25th).