President's Message

In the late 1930s, in the midst of the Great Depression, the small Goodwill organization in Indianapolis was offering a range of services that included a kindergarten, a pre-natal clinic, a dental clinic for school children, a home-based health care program and more. And yes, the organization also provided jobs in Goodwill stores. While the available resources and number of people served were small, the approach Goodwill took in those days was — using current terminology — holistic and dealt with the whole family. When the U.S. entered World War II, Goodwill’s primary emphasis shifted to employing people — particularly people with disabilities — who previously had few, if any, employment opportunities. Later, an emphasis on vocational rehabilitation was added. For the next 40 years, Goodwill’s primary mission could be paraphrased as helping people prepare for, find, and keep jobs.

By the early 1990s, societal changes prompted Goodwill to become involved in initiatives to address growing social problems. Eventually, we launched efforts to improve education outcomes for young people who had struggled or failed in other settings.

Simultaneously, we began seeing a great deal of disturbing data that illustrated the negative trends of significant social indicators, despite massive increases in public spending and a huge proliferation of not-for-profit organizations. We began searching for programs that demonstrated long-term, positive impact reducing social problems. As a result, we have begun implementing Nurse-Family Partnership in Marion County. In addition to basic, nurse-led services offered under this highly regarded, evidence-based national program, each mom or mom-to-be will be linked with a Goodwill Guide who can advise her on education and/or employment opportunities available through Goodwill, financial matters, housing, transportation, child care and health care. We believe this whole family approach can help reduce generational poverty.

We intend to take a similar holistic approach with the children of Indianapolis Met and Excel Center students and graduates, Goodwill employees with barriers and all these individuals’ families. Ideally, we will maintain these relationships until the children are grown.

As this approach develops, it may increasingly resemble Goodwill’s approach in the late 1930s — only with much greater scale, current information and technology, and, hopefully, long-lasting impact in the lives of people and in the larger community.

Corporation Update

Congratulations, Graduates! On Tuesday, Jan. 24 The Excel Center celebrated students’ accomplishments during our inaugural graduation ceremony. In his keynote speech, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard encouraged students to remain focused on the next steps in their careers and education. The Excel Center is the first public charter school in Indiana to provide adults an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and begin post-secondary education, tuition-free. Locations are near downtown, in the Meadows and in Decatur Township. Learn more at www.excelcenter.org.

Board Member Recognized

Last November, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce recognized Jean Wojtczak, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana and GW Commercial Services board member, as its 2017 Business Leader of the Year. Since 1983, her company, Cambridge Capital Management Corp., has helped approximately 1,200 Indiana businesses by investing more than $800 million. Congratulations, Jean!

Save the Date!

Goodwill’s 2012 Celebration of Achievement takes place on Friday, May 11, at the brand new Puma Den on the campus of Indianapolis Metropolitan High School, 1635 W. Michigan St. The event celebrates individuals who have overcome barriers to employment or education and those who help make that possible.

Rita Guhr - Three Decades with Goodwill

After 30 years with Goodwill, Rita Guhr’s belief in the mission is as strong as ever. “The evolution of how I came to Goodwill, to where I am now, has made me appreciate Goodwill’s mission,” Guhr said. “When I came here, it was because of the mission, and then I was able to grow into different positions.”

Initially referred by Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Rita benefited from Goodwill services and, soon, pursued a job with the organization. When Goodwill hired her as a Placement Technician, it became her turn to help job seekers find training and employment.

Today, Rita is an Employment Resource Development Specialist in Goodwill’s Commercial Services Division, helping people with disabilities connect with resources and support.

At times, she’s out on the floor, helping as a job coach.

Where Are Indianapolis Met Graduates Now?

Once a part of the Indianapolis Met family, always a part of the family. These success stories highlight where two graduates are now and how the Indianapolis Met prepares students for what comes next in life.

Tiffany Needler

Class of 2007

Coming to Indianapolis Met as a sophomore, Tiffany Needler was one of the first students to enter the hallways of the new charter school and was later honored to be the speaker at the school’s first graduation ceremony. “The Indianapolis Met was my only option. I had dropped out of school two times before,” she said. “I didn’t know where to come at first, but once I started attending, I really enjoyed it.”

Needler graduated recently from the Art Institute of Indianapolis and has been working full-time since September as an associate designer at Drapery Street in Carmel. Four years of hard work, along with an internship at Drapery Street, helped Needler stay focused on her career path and long-term goals. The company specializes in providing custom drapery; window treatments, window cushions and custom pillows. Needler enjoys her job and working with clients. She visits their homes and then creates custom designs to match their interior decorating needs.

“I get to work very closely with the owner now. She has talked to me about owning my own location one day. That is what I want to do.”

Needler attributes her focus and motivation to have career goals early in life to her school advisor who helped her think about what she wanted to do after high school.

“My time at Indianapolis Met forced me to think more about what career path I wanted. I wouldn’t be where I am today if it weren’t for the experiences I had as a student.”

Shaquila Robertson

Class of 2008

When Shaquila Robertson was a student, she knew. Tiffany was an hour and a half away from Indianapolis Met, the school she attended, so she chose to attend Indianapolis Met as an Indiana University intern. Robertson continues to educate teens about the importance of sexual health and education and those who help.

“I feel like I’ve learned to, every day, appreciate what I have, where I’m at, what I have to offer and what they have to offer me,” Guhr said. “I learn from them, probably more than they learn from me.”

UPDATE

CORPORATE UPDATE

Want to read more insights from Jim McClelland? Check out his blog, Perspectives: http://jmmcclelland.wordpress.com
Whether you’re making room for a new pair of jeans or replacing an outdated CD player, Goodwill accepts your donations of gently used clothing, household items, furniture, books and toys. Ever wonder what happens to your items after you’ve dropped them off? Or how your donation benefits the community?

We are pleased to accept the following donations in good/working condition:

- Clothing
- Footwear
- Outerwear
- Books, records, compact discs, videotapes and DVDs
- Computers, electronics, and accessories
- Games and toys
- Housewares
- Knickknacks (giftware)
- Furniture
- Antiques and collectibles
- Hardware and tools
- Domestics
- Sporting goods
- Bicycles
- School textbooks
- Playground equipment

After four weeks, items are marked 50% off for six days. If clothing or shoes are not sold after six days at 50% off, they go on sale for one day at 99¢. All other items remain 50% off. Unsold items are purged from the sales floor and sent to one of three outlet stores.

Donations are placed in bins, rotated every two hours and sold by the pound. Prices are 49¢ per pound for glass, 69¢ per pound for clothing, housewares and books, and 99¢ per pound for paired shoes. Other items, such as TVs, are priced as marked.

Remaining donations such as housewares are sorted, baled into recyclable commodities or disposed of.

Unsold items such as clothing and shoes are sorted for secondary market sales and sold in developing countries.

Sales of your donations generate support for our education and employment programs. Goodwill employs more than 2,700 people locally, the majority of whom work in our retail division. Many of our retail employees have barriers to employment, such as limited education or disabilities. Thousands of central Indiana residents are learning and working because of you. It’s your jeans, CD player and other gently used donations that make it possible.
Why Does Goodwill Raise Money?

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Goodwill Adds Veteran Fundraiser

As the newest member of Goodwill's executive team, I find myself in a unique situation.

For 30 years, I’ve worked for a not-for-profit organization — the last 15 years as a Chief Fundraising Officer. Of all the Vice Presidents at Goodwill, I’m the only one with nonprofit roots. In short, your Goodwill is run by business people, and they run a powerful social enterprise serving thousands of individuals and families in meaningful ways each year.

My expertise is connecting individuals of means, who want to see exciting things happen, with an organization that has great ideas. I get a thrill out of telling the Goodwill story, and I often discover people don’t understand the full scope of our impact. So, we’re going to help old friends and new discover the Goodwill we know — a Goodwill reconnecting with its legacy of providing a holistic approach to the complex issues that individuals face.

Come see what we’re doing, and I think you’ll want to make Goodwill a part of your philanthropic interests and future. Your support will be an investment in human capital and more productive lives.

Thank you,
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Spring Cleaning

Spring is the perfect time to donate that pile of clothes you’ve pulled out of your closet. Goodwill accepts donations of clothes, furniture, electronics, TVs, computers, books and toys at any of its more than 50 retail locations in central Indiana. All donations to Goodwill are tax deductible, and receipts are available upon request. For more information on locations and acceptable donations, visit www.goodwillindy.org.

New Goodwill Store Opens in Fishers

On Feb. 14, Goodwill opened its 47th retail store at 11561 Geist Pavilion Drive in Fishers. At more than 15,000 square feet, the store houses wall-to-wall modern and vintage designer clothes, household items, books and toys. It has four checkout lanes, a donation drive thru and 20 employees.

Donate Your Car to Goodwill

Getting a new car or truck? Donate your old one to Goodwill.

- Call (317) 524-4293 to schedule FREE towing.
- Drive your automobile to the nearest central Indiana Goodwill store.
- Complete the online donation form to donate and schedule FREE towing.

All automobile donations to Goodwill are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

New, Larger Store Opens in Anderson

After Goodwill closed the Anderson store for a week, 117 shoppers eagerly stood in line awaiting the grand opening of the new store on March 10. Located at 4909 S. Scatterfield Road, the store is 16,326 square feet — 6,900 square feet larger than the former location. In addition, the new store has four checkout lanes and a double donation drive thru. Goodwill opened its first store in Anderson in 1971.