

What's New(s) at GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF RI

Watch for our New Website!

Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island is preparing to enter a new chapter of the agency's history with the unveiling of a state of the art website by the end of this calendar year - made possible by a grant from **New Roots Providence**.

This site will allow us to better publicize, reach and enroll trainees through an online option. Furthermore, it will increase our visibility so that the community knows **who we are, what we do and why our work is so critical**. It will also include a resource page providing information and links to other programs, services and benefits for which our participants are generally eligible.

In today's world, an interactive online presence is essential. Since this new website will be managed internally by Goodwill staff, it will be present in real time. As a result of our new site we expect to have more volunteers supporting the agency, the enhanced ability to track and capture data and an increased ability to demonstrate responsible stewardship to those who support the agency.

Of most importance, is that **it will be user friendly for all our stakeholders** - referral sources, enrollees, youth, funders and, going forward, the Rhode Island community.

Stay tuned for the launch date!

Open House Held on September 14th

Visitors joined us on **Wednesday, September 14th** for our open house. Visitors had an opportunity to see for themselves the work that is done at the agency. Goodwill staff members were stationed at designated areas throughout the facility, ready to answer questions about existing and upcoming programs.

Highlighted features included the new **Power Path** evaluation tool, the **Retail Training Program** and **ComputerWORKS**. Following the tour, one visitor was commented on the attractiveness of the facility. It is nice to know that the ongoing renovations and innovations are catching peoples' eyes!

If you are interested in learning more about how you can support Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island, please contact us at 401-861-2080. Monetary donations can be made online by visiting our website at www.goodwillri.org and using the Paypal option or send your donation by mail to:
100 Houghton Street, Providence, RI 02904.

Volunteers are always needed at Goodwill, especially those with a background in Human Resources, although there is always a variety of other ways where we can use peoples' talents. If you can assist in any way, please contact us at 401-861-2080.

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Take 5 with Justine Beatini

How long have you been at the agency and what is your role?

I have been at Goodwill for 1 ½ years and my role at the agency is a Transitional Resource Specialist/Case Manager. I help youth transition into the world of work through work readiness classes, job coaching, travel training and mentoring.

What do you like best about working at Goodwill?

I like how family-oriented this agency is. From the administration, to my supervisor, to my fellow co-workers, it's so beautiful to see how much family means to them. You can see the compassion, thoughtfulness, and kindness that each employee shares.

What is the greatest challenge with your work?

The greatest challenge is that often adults do not understand that some youth, especially those with disabilities, may have had a "failure experience" in school or in their social life. I believe adults need to remember to focus on the strengths, whether they are academic, athletic, social or artistic. This will lead to growth and change which youth are seeking.

What part of your work brings you the greatest joy?

The greatest joy this work brings to me is when I first meet a youth who has very poor self-esteem. As I begin to work with them, I try to show that self-esteem isn't bragging about how great you are but quietly knowing you're worth a lot - priceless, in fact!

If you were a donut, what kind would it be?

I would be a pumpkin donut. I love the fall for many reasons. Not only did I meet the love of my life during this season but I also married him in the fall too. We also got our "son," Moxie, (the crazy Yellow Lab) in this season and became homeowners too. I tend to think of all my blessings a little more during the fall!

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