

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

Exciting times at the Providence
YouthWORKS 411 Center

Wonderful things are happening at the Providence Youth Center, located on Eddy Street!

- Presently, 10-15 new youth register each month to benefit from the services offered.
- Case Managers at the Youth Center are qualified to travel train students using the RIPTA bus lines, creating one less obstacle for youth employment.
- CPR training, First Aid training, and babysitting skills are potential talents under exploration for the new year.
- The Youth Center is participating in a pilot program with the *Providence After School Alliance* and the *Providence School Department* to revamp the Financial Literacy Curriculum to be more youth friendly. Students have the ability to earn a maximum of 2 school credits by learning the basics in banking and budgeting.
- The Mentoring Program has officially launched. Students and mentors are matched according to shared interest.

We are always seeking more mentors, especially male mentors to serve in the new program. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Ellen Darling at (401-444-0885) for more information.



The computer store at Goodwill is **now open**. While visiting our store you will find: *Power Supplies, Mother Boards, Mice, Keyboards, Cables, Sound/Video cards, RAM, CD/DVD players & other various PC/MAC accessories*. All revenue from the recycled computer equipment supports Goodwill's job training and employment service programs.

To purchase from **Computer Works** call 401-861-2080 ext.122 or email Goodwill Computer Works at computerworks@goodwillri.org.

Volunteers are always needed at Goodwill, especially those with a background in Human Resources, although there is always a variety of 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
Tanya Ballestrini

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

I have been at Goodwill for the past 5 months and my role is *Agency Advancement Coordinator*. With a degree in Event Management, my responsibility is to coordinate all of the fundraising and marketing opportunities for the agency. Previously I worked at George Mason University as the Administrative and Program Assistant for University Life, coordinating approximately 50 events per semester. I hope to use the skills I've acquired to create entertaining and exciting events for the agency.

What do you like best about working at Goodwill?

I like knowing that I am helping the Rhode Island community at large, and I love the group of people with whom I work.

What is the greatest challenge with your work?

The greatest challenge is writing grants. It is a completely new task for me, but I am really enjoying it! It is an essential skill for my position, however there is never a challenge that I won't undertake.

What part of your work brings you the greatest joy?

I like the fact that I am raising funds so that the agency can continue to offer and expand existing services for people with disabilities and barriers to employment.

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

I would be a rainbow-sprinkled donut, which is my favorite. I have a colorful and outgoing personality and my job is always full of surprises!

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