Gift Giving the Goodwill Way

**Shopgoodwill.com**

When you purchase items from Goodwill you get a great deal. You also do a great deal of good. Selling gently used items generates 92% of the funds we use to help individuals with disabilities and other challenges. If you are an online shopper, how about shopping through our online store at shopgoodwill.com and jewelry@shopgoodwill.com? Our online auction site is filled with hundreds of unique as well as high-end items – art, collectibles, fine china, antiques, furniture, toys and more! This year, shopgoodwill.com will also feature festive sweaters for the holiday season. Log on to check out the selection!

**Gift Certificates**

Giving Goodwill gift certificates in the denomination of $10 each makes it possible for your special someone to purchase what they want, at incredibly low prices. Gift certificates are available at each of our 11 Southern Indiana area stores.

**Monetary Donations**

Make this holiday season special by giving a monetary donation to Goodwill in the name or memory of a loved one. Send your check payable to Goodwill of Southern Indiana to: P.O. Box 2488, Clarksville, IN 47131-2488.
Letter to the Community
Candice C. Barksdale, CEO

Four small words yet in the context of Goodwill, they are monumental. Last year, 5,200 lives were changed because people donated to and shopped at Goodwill of Southern Indiana. The 5,200 clients served included:

• Children with special needs who have specific childcare requirements.
• Adults with disabilities who need assistance in finding employment to support their families.
• Children who need various therapies to aid them in reaching their potential.
• Families with young children who need books to improve school readiness.
• Our neighbors who find themselves in crisis situations such as floods, fires and tornados and need clothing and household goods.

Your simple acts of donating and shopping allow Goodwill to meet the needs of thousands of children with disabilities and disadvantages. What is donated is sold in the Goodwill stores, the money from those sales provides childcare, therapies, employment services, books and vouchers to people right here in Southern Indiana.

However, there is a threat to these much needed services. The threat doesn’t look particularly ominous, you’ve probably driven by it without recognizing the danger it poses to people in need. The threat is those donation bins that are popping up across Southern Indiana. They come in several colors green, white, and red. Some say clothing, shoes and others say books. Some state they are for-profit businesses and some say they are supporting charities. You may be tempted to put your donations into one of those bins, but before you do take a minute to do some homework.

1. Check out the company’s website. Is it located in Indiana? Your donations may not be helping people in Southern Indiana or even in this state.

2. If the bin says it is a non-profit and supports local charities, check out its tax return. Non-profits are required to make their tax returns public. It should be posted on their website. Review the tax return and see how much money is donated to charity. You may be surprised at what you discover.

3. In May 2011, The Chicago Tribune did an investigative story on donation boxes. The link to that story is below and you should read it before donating.


There are well respected local charities that need your donations. Goodwill is one of them as are the Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul. You can rest assured that donations to these charities stay here at home and benefit people right here in this community. If you like the convenience of a donation bin, look for one that lists the name of a hometown charity. Goodwill’s bins are bright blue with the Goodwill name in large letters.

The need for services to people with disabilities and disadvantages is great, local charities need your donations in order to provide these services. Before you donate, stop and consider – is this a local non-profit organization and is it helping people here in Southern Indiana?

Donate – Shop – Change Lives, four small words yet they are monumental and your hometown charities need your support in order to provide services to people here at home.

With Appreciation,
Candice Barksdale
Chief Executive Officer

Be sure when you donate. Help your local community by donating to Goodwill. Look for blue! This is a Goodwill of Southern Indiana donation bin.
Meet Andrew

Andrew Ganote is a Goodwill of Southern Indiana Employment Services client who is currently employed at our Clarksville Goodwill store. Andrew scans and sorts donated books then stocks the bookshelves in the store. Andrew is diagnosed with Down Syndrome. He has a goal to be independent and remains focused and positive toward that goal. Andrew brings an energy and delight that is contagious. He is welcoming, fun and a team player. He is thought of very highly by his co-workers. He takes everything he does seriously. He is a perfectionist that pays attention to details at work. Andrew makes sure things are done correctly. One of his co-workers stated, “If you are having a bad/tough day, all you have to do is go to Andrew and that will change in a heartbeat.” Andrew reflects on his time at Goodwill and feels his life has changed. “I am happy to stay here. They’ve helped me a lot. They convinced me to have good relationships, trust and responsibility.”

Save the Date

Our 14th Annual Mardi Gras Bash is Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Horseshoe Southern Indiana. Tickets are $75.00 each. Sponsorships and tables of eight are available. Contact Michelle Dayvault at 812-207-2284 for more information.

Children’s Learning Center

Our Children’s Learning Center (CLC) staff is participating in the Metro United Way Academy of Excellence which is improving the quality of care in our childcare. The Academy of Excellence guides and rewards preschool teachers who are working hard to provide high quality curriculum in their classrooms. As teachers make changes to their classrooms and consistently demonstrate new skills in their teaching methods, they progress through the Academy. Almost all CLC staff members have moved up a level in the Academy of Excellence! Teachers are creating an environment so that children come to school prepared and ready to succeed.
Grants

Goodwill of Southern Indiana has recently been the recipient of several grants and wishes to acknowledge the following organizations for their generosity and support.

A $2,500 grant was received from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana for assistive technology to aid our Employment Services clients in their job searches.

The Jeffersonville Rotary Club awarded $500 for the purchase of an I-Pad to be used by Employment Services clients in job searches.

The Rotary Club of New Albany awarded a $1,500 grant for sensory tables in our Children’s Learning Center.

Employee News

Monica Robinson retired from our Jeffersonville store in October.

Mary Sneed retired in August from our Corydon Goodwill store.

We wish our retirees the best. They will be missed greatly! Thank you for your service and dedication to our Goodwill mission.

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Mary Sneed with Lanita Burch, Corydon Store Manager

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New Staff

Matthew Money has joined Goodwill of Southern Indiana, Inc. as the new Director of Loss Prevention and Safety. Join us in welcoming Matthew.

Sherry Adams, Front Desk Associate, was recognized on her 15 year anniversary.

For procedures on how to request information regarding the operations, accreditations, outcomes or services of Goodwill of Southern Indiana, visit our website at goodwillsi.org and click on the Contact Us tab.
Thank You Volunteers!

Clark Memorial Hospital staff spent a Day of Service volunteering on Wednesday, November 14 at our Floyds Knobs, Clarksville, New Albany and Jeffersonville stores. Volunteers also spent time at the Children’s Learning Center at Goodwill of Southern Indiana’s headquarters. The Hospital’s volunteer service was their initial kickoff for their Metro United Way employee campaign. Over 40 volunteers spent the morning sorting, hanging and processing donated goods and playing games with the children in the Children’s Learning Center. On behalf of all of our Goodwill of Southern Indiana staff, thank you Clark Memorial Hospital!

Daniel Shepard from Boy Scout Troop 4015 chose Goodwill of Southern Indiana’s Children’s Learning Center for the site of his Eagle Scout project. Daniel and numerous volunteers assembled a piece of playground equipment resembling a fire truck for the children to enjoy in our outdoor playground area. Congratulations to Daniel for achieving his Eagle Scout rank!

Goodwill of Southern Indiana once again conducted an annual food drive in early November at all 11 Southern Indiana store locations and at our corporate headquarters and Children’s Learning Center (CLC). 826.5 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected and donated to local food banks in our nine county service area. Thanks to our generous staff, shoppers and CLC parents who contributed food items to help those in need this holiday season.

Thank You Donors!

Thank you to the following individuals, businesses and foundations that made a financial contribution to Goodwill of Southern Indiana from June 1 to November 14, 2012.

Your support makes it possible for us to provide vital services to our Southern Indiana community!

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Wilton Aebersold
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John and Candice Barksdale
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Michael Williams
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