

Media Alerts for Goodwill (Beginning December 28th) (opportunities throughout the Roanoke, New River, and Shenandoah Valleys, including Lynchburg and Charlottesville)
Included in this edition: Clock is Ticking to Receive a Tax Deduction for 2017, Technology Training Coming to Harrisonburg, Free Computer Classes for the Public, and More

Looking for a special or last minute story? Contact us today!

We would love to brainstorm potential story ideas with you, including personal interest stories of the people we serve.

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The Clock is Ticking to Receive a Tax Deduction for Tax Year 2017

Goodwill provides receipts to use for tax purposes when you make a donation



NEED A LAST MINUTE TAX DEDUCTION?
Your donations to **GOODWILL** help people get back to work and gain greater independence.
DONATE TODAY!
Donate in stores or online at www.goodwillvalleys.com



Goodwill stores will be open until 6pm on New Year's Eve to receive donations of clothing and household items. Donors will receive a donation receipt that may be used for tax purposes when they donate.

Goodwill also accepts monetary donations online through its website at www.goodwillvalleys.com/donate. Donations must be made by 11:59pm in order to receive a donation receipt for use during tax year 2017. Donations postmarked by December 31, 2017 will also receive a tax receipt. Goodwill's mailing address is P O Box 6159, Roanoke, VA 24017.

Last year 89% of revenues generated directly supported Goodwill training and employment programs to help people get back to work and gain greater independence. You can be assured that the donations entrusted to Goodwill are used to help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome barriers to employment and achieve a level of independence to participate more fully in life. Goodwill depends on your generosity to support our mission.

"When the public chooses to entrust their donations to Goodwill, people in our community benefit from their generosity," states Kelly Sandridge, Vice President of Marketing & Public Relations for Goodwill. "There is a tremendous amount of pride, dignity, self-respect that comes from being able to earn a paycheck and provide for your family. When someone donates to Goodwill they help to fund job training and employment programs that help people in our community obtain the skills needed to find work or get a better job."

*Goodwill is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and donations to us may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor for more details.

At Goodwill: You Donate & Shop. We Train. People Work.

Careers in Technology Program Provides Training for In Demand Occupations

Looking for a story about individuals looking to advance their skills and start a new career?

Harrisonburg Area Information Sessions Scheduled for January 3rd, 4th, and 5th

Individuals who have an interest in computers and other information technology, who need a job that pays well and that's in high demand, should be considering careers in the technology industry. In fact, careers in technology are predicted to steadily increase in demand and salary over the next 6 to 10 years. Best of all, the chances of advancement are high, along with steady increases in salary with gained experience.



Goodwill's Careers in Technology* program helps individuals, age 17 and older who are unemployed, underemployed, dislocated, and incumbent workers, to gain the skills needed to have a career in the technology industry. In as little as eight weeks, those who qualify for the program receive skills training and the opportunity to earn industry recognized credentials to get their career started on the right foot. The program provides financial assistance for tuition, books, and exam fees. Individuals also benefit from job-readiness and soft skills training as well as job placement assistance.

Training will be focused on the skills needed help individuals become:

- Help Desk Technician
- Network Support Specialist
- PC Technician
- Computer User Support Specialist
- Computer Programmer

Through funding from a TechHire grant, students will benefit from the technology training for certifications in areas such:

- CompTIA A+
- Network+

Careers in Technology training is offered in Roanoke, Lynchburg, and Harrisonburg. Individuals are encouraged to complete the [online interest form](#) if they are interested in the program.

Information Session in Harrisonburg are held at the Harrisonburg Workforce Center:

January 3 rd	10am – 11am	or	2pm – 3pm
January 4 th	10am – 11am	or	2pm – 3pm
January 5 th	10am – 11am	or	2pm – 3pm

**This program is funded as a part of the Obama Administration's efforts to work with communities to get more Americans trained for well-paying jobs through the TechHire initiative. Goodwill Industries® International was awarded a \$4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration*

Free Computer Classes Help the Public to Advance their Skills

From beginner to more advanced, classes increase employability of participants

Goodwill offers computer classes to assist job seekers who are seeking to improve their employment opportunities by increasing their computer knowledge.

Computer Classes are available at:

- Roanoke Jobs Campus | 2502 Melrose Avenue, NW, Suite B, Roanoke | (540) 581.0620
- Madison Heights Jobs Center | 174 River James Shopping Center, Madison Heights | (434) 200.9920

All classes are offered at no charge and open to the public. Interested individuals must take the Northstar Computer Assessments before beginning any computer classes to determine their skill level. Prior registration is required for all classes and assessments and can be done by calling the local Goodwill center.



Classes offered include:

- Basic Computer/Keyboarding Class
- Beginner Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Social Media – Web Safety
- Google Suite
- Internet and Email
- And More!

For more information on the classes offered and the current class schedule [click here](#).

Other Happenings – Photo & Video Opportunities:

Roanoke Valley

December 28 th	The Budd Group Job Fair	12pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
December 29 th	Northstar Computer Assessments	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 3 rd	GoodCare Open House	11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 4 th	The Budd Group Job Fair	12pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	Science Club	6pm – 7:30pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite D
January 5 th	Northstar Computer Assessments	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 8 th	Basic Computer Skills/Keyboarding Class	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 9 th	How to Get a Job Workshop - Session One	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	Beginner Word Computer Class	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 10 th	Beginner Excel Computer Class	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	GoodCare Open House	3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 11 th	Beginner PowerPoint Computer Class	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B

	<u>The Budd Group Job Fair</u>	12pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	<u>Science Club</u>	6pm – 7:30pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite D
January 12 th	<u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u>	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B

Madison Heights/Lynchburg

December 28 th	<u>Social Media-Web Safety Class</u>	2pm – 3:30	Madison Heights Jobs Center
December 29 th	<u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u>	12:30pm – 2pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>Financial Empowerment Class</u>	2pm – 3:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 2 nd	<u>Basic Computer Skills/Keyboarding Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 3 rd	<u>Google Suite Computer Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 4 th	<u>Internet and Email Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 5 th	<u>Social Media-Web Safety Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u>	2pm – 4pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 8 th	<u>Microsoft Word 2016 Computer Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 9 th	<u>Basic Computer Skills/Keyboarding Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 10 th	<u>Microsoft Excel 2016 Computer Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 12 th	<u>Social Media-Web Safety Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u>	2pm – 4pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center

Harrisonburg/Shenandoah Valley

January 3 rd	<u>Careers in Technology Information Sessions</u>	10am – 11am	Harrisonburg Workforce Center
	<u>Careers in Technology Information Sessions</u>	2pm – 3pm	Harrisonburg Workforce Center
January 4 th	<u>Careers in Technology Information Sessions</u>	10am – 11am	Harrisonburg Workforce Center
	<u>Careers in Technology Information Sessions</u>	2pm – 3pm	Harrisonburg Workforce Center
January 5 th	<u>Careers in Technology Information Sessions</u>	10am – 11am	Harrisonburg Workforce Center
	<u>Careers in Technology Information Sessions</u>	2pm – 3pm	Harrisonburg Workforce Center

Charlottesville Area

December 28 th	<u>Employer of the Week Job Fair</u>	10am – 12pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 3 rd	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	9:30am	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 4 th	<u>Employer of the Week Job Fair</u>	10am – 12pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 5 th	<u>Greene County Job Fair</u>	10am – 1pm	Eugene Giuseppe Center, Stanardsville
January 9 th	<u>Resume Writing Workshop</u>	2pm – 3:30pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 10 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	9:30am	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 11 th	<u>Employer of the Week Job Fair</u>	10am – 12pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center

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January 2 nd	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
January 9 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
Radford			
January 3 rd	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
January 10 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
Clifton Forge			
January 3 rd	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	10am	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
January 10 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	2pm	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Galax			
January 3 rd	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	10am	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
January 10 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	2pm	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
Martinsville			
December 29 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	11am	Martinsville Workforce Center
January 5 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	11am	Martinsville Workforce Center
January 12 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	11am	Martinsville Workforce Center

About Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys serves 31 counties and 13 cities in the New River, Roanoke, and Shenandoah Valleys. Its mission is to help people and families in our community achieve a better life through work and independence. In 2016, Goodwill assisted over 45,000 individuals and helped more than 4,000 people obtain employment in our community. As of the end of November, Goodwill has assisted more than 41,000 people, helped nearly 3,400 individuals find employment, and enabled 1,230 credentials to be earned by individuals participating in Goodwill programs this year.