

Media Alerts for Goodwill (Beginning January 8th) (opportunities throughout the Roanoke, New River, and Shenandoah Valleys, including Lynchburg and Charlottesville)

Included in this edition: Goodwill to Dedicate New Sensory Room for Individuals with Disabilities, Goodwill Receives 3-Year Accreditation, Free Computer Classes for the Public, and Events to Benefit Job Seekers & 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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Goodwill to Dedicate New Sensory Room that will Benefit Individuals with Disabilities

(Roanoke)

Goodwill will dedicate its new Discovery Services Sensory Room:

Thursday, January 18th, 2pm

Goodwill Roanoke Jobs Campus

2502 Melrose Avenue, NW, Suite C

Individuals served through Goodwill's Medicaid Waiver Discovery Services program will benefit from this new space. The room is equipped with special lighting, music, furniture, and other items that will allow the user to bridge the gap typically experienced though the limitation of movement, vision, and cognitive abilities among others barriers so they may enjoying sensory experiences.

"The Sensory room was designed with the goal of promoting relaxation for those individuals with disabilities served in the Discovery Services program," states Stephanie Hoer, Senior Director of Program Services for Goodwill. "This dedicated space allows for the control of sensory stimulation and can be matched to fit the perceived motivation, interests, leisure, relaxation, and therapeutic needs of the individual."

The generosity of an anonymous donor made this room possible. During the Dedication the room will be officially named the Lila Dickerson Room. Lila is a longtime supporter and volunteer for Goodwill and is especially passionate about Goodwill's programs for individuals with disabilities.

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys Receives Three-Year CARF Accreditation

(Roanoke/Lynchburg/New River Valley)

CARF International announced that Goodwill Industries of the Valleys has been accredited for a period of three years for its:

- Community Employment Services: Employment Supports
- Community Employment Services: Job Development
- Employee Development Services
- Organizational Employment Services



The latest accreditation is the sixth consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has awarded Goodwill Industries of the Valleys.

[Click here](#) to access the full Media Alert detailing the Three-Year CARF Accreditation.

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 need 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

January 16 th	How to Get a Job Workshop - Session Two	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	Beginner Word Computer Class	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 17 th	Beginner Excel Computer Class	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	GoodCare Open House	11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 18 th	Beginner PowerPoint Computer Class	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	The Budd Group Job Fair	12pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	Discovery Services Sensory Room Dedication	2pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite C

	<u>Science Club</u>	6pm – 7:30pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite D
January 19 th	<u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u>	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 22 nd	<u>Basic Computer Skills/Keyboarding Computer Class</u>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 23 rd	<u>Beginner Word Computer Class</u>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 24 th	<u>Beginner Excel Computer Class</u>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 25 th	<u>Beginner PowerPoint Computer Class</u>	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 26 th	<u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u>	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 29 th	<u>Basic Computer Skills/Keyboarding Computer Class</u>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 20 th	<u>Project SEARCH: Carilion Clinic - Open House</u>	6pm – 7:30pm	Carilion Rehabilitation Building, 1st Floor Auditorium

Madison Heights/Lynchburg

January 16 th	<u>Basic Computer Skills/Keyboarding Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 17 th	<u>Google Suite Computer Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 18 th	<u>Internet & Email Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Job Center
January 19 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 22 nd	<u>Microsoft Word 2016 Computer Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 23 rd	<u>Microsoft Excel 2016 Computer Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u>	2pm – 4pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 24 th	<u>Financial Empowerment Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 25 th	<u>Planning for Success Workshop</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 26 th	<u>Financial Empowerment Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u>	2pm – 4pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 29 th	<u>Financial Empowerment Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 30 th	<u>Microsoft Word 2016 Computer Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 31 st	<u>Microsoft Excel 2016 Computer Class</u>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center

Harrisonburg/Shenandoah Valley

January 18 th	<u>Job Seeker Workshops</u>	9:30am – 1:30pm	Harrisonburg Workforce Center
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Charlottesville Area

January 16 th	<u>Making Connections in Your Job Search Workshop</u>	2pm – 3:30pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 17 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	9:30am	Charlottesville Workforce Center

January 18 th	<u>Employer of the Week Job Fair</u>	10am – 12pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 23 rd	<u>Strategies for Job Interviews Workshop</u>	2pm – 3:30pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 24 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	9:30am	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 25 th	<u>Employer of the Week Job Fair</u>	10am – 12pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 30 th	<u>Professionalism Workshop</u>	2pm – 3:30	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 31 st	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	9:30am	Charlottesville Workforce Center

Staunton

January 16 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
January 23 rd	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
January 30 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park

Radford

January 17 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	2pm	Radford GoodCare Office
January 24 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	2pm	Radford GoodCare Office

Clifton Forge

January 17 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	10am	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
January 24 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	2pm	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

Galax

January 17 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	10am	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
January 24 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	2pm	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax

Martinsville

January 19 th	<u>GoodCare Open House</u>	11am	Martinsville Workforce Center
January 26 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 2017, Goodwill assisted nearly 45,000 individuals and helped approximately 3,494 people obtain employment in our community. More than 1,300 industry recognized credentials were also earned by individuals participating in Goodwill programs in 2017.