

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

Included in this edition: Goodwill Receives 3-Year Accreditation, Free Computer Classes for the Public, Little Caesar's Love Kitchen, 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.

### For more information or to set up an interview please contact:

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## Goodwill Industries of the Valleys Receives Three-Year CARF Accreditation

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.

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## 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](#).

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## Little Caesars® Love Kitchen® Serves Free Pizza to the Less Fortunate in Roanoke

Goodwill's Roanoke Jobs Campus will be the site of Little Caesars Love Kitchen on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

An initiative of Feeding America Southwest Virginia and Little Caesars, Goodwill is proud to host the Love Kitchen and to be a partner in providing fresh Little Caesars pizza meals for approximately 400 people who are hungry or homeless.

[Click here](#) to access the press release distributed by Little Caesar's and Feeding America Southwest Virginia.

For more information on the Love Kitchen's visit on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> please contact:

Annie McGraw, Little Caesars

313-471-6948 or 313-719-0707 (cell)

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## Other Happenings – Photo & Video Opportunities:

### Roanoke Valley

January 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Basic Computer Skills/Keyboarding Class</a>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">How to Get a Job Workshop - Session One</a>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	<a href="#">Beginner Word Computer Class</a>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Beginner Excel Computer Class</a>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	<a href="#">GoodCare Open House</a>	3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Beginner PowerPoint Computer Class</a>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	<a href="#">The Budd Group Job Fair</a>	12pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	<a href="#">Science Club</a>	6pm – 7:30pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite D
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Northstar Computer Assessments</a>	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">How to Get a Job Workshop - Session Two</a>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	<a href="#">Beginner Word Computer Class</a>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Beginner Excel Computer Class</a>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	<a href="#">GoodCare Open House</a>	11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Beginner PowerPoint Computer Class</a>	10am – 11:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	<a href="#">The Budd Group Job Fair</a>	12pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B
	Discovery Services Sensory Room Dedication	2pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite C

	<a href="#"><u>Science Club</u></a>	6pm – 7:30pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite D
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u></a>	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus, Suite B

### Madison Heights/Lynchburg

January 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Microsoft Word 2016 Computer Class</u></a>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Basic Computer Skills/Keyboarding Class</u></a>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Microsoft Excel 2016 Computer Class</u></a>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Social Media-Web Safety Class</u></a>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<a href="#"><u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u></a>	2pm – 4pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Basic Computer Skills/Keyboarding Class</u></a>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Google Suite Computer Class</u></a>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Internet &amp; Email Class</u></a>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Job Center
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Social Media-Web Safety Class</u></a>	1pm – 2:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	<a href="#"><u>Northstar Computer Assessments</u></a>	2pm – 4pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center

### Harrisonburg/Shenandoah Valley

January 18 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Job Seeker Workshops</u></a>	9:30am – 1:30pm	Harrisonburg Workforce Center
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### Charlottesville Area

January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Resume Writing Workshop</u></a>	2pm – 3:30pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	9:30am	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Employer of the Week Job Fair</u></a>	10am – 12pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Making Connections in Your Job Search Workshop</u></a>	2pm – 3:30pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	9:30am	Charlottesville Workforce Center
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Employer of the Week Job Fair</u></a>	10am – 12pm	Charlottesville Workforce Center

### Staunton

January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park

### Radford

January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	2pm	Radford GoodCare Office

### Clifton Forge

January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	2pm	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	10am	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

### Galax

January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	2pm	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	10am	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax

## Martinsville

January 12 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	11am	Martinsville Workforce Center
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>GoodCare Open House</u></a>	11am	Martinsville Workforce Center

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### 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 44,000 individuals and helped approximately 3,700 people obtain employment in our community. More than 1,300 industry recognized credentials were also earned by individuals participating in Goodwill programs in 2017.