

Youth to Work

Coaching to Ensure Success

The Goodwill® Youth to Work program provides work experience and vocational activities to economically disadvantaged and at-risk youth between the ages of 14 and 21. The program focuses on areas such as developing work maturity skills, writing a resume, interview skills, problem solving skills, and support services.

Program Highlights

The Youth to Work program provides:

- Paid work experience
- Transportation
- Leadership development
- Supportive services
- Occupational training skills
- Follow-up services



Goodwill's Youth to Work program provides opportunities for youth to gain work experience and skills in community work settings.

Benefits of the program include:

- Work within the home community leads to understanding of the importance of giving back
- Referral from appropriate agency ensures program outcomes match with youth's needs
- Provided transportation ensures participation
- Paid community work experience is an educational stipend
- Four to one ratio ensures personalized attention
- Services are provided as needed in a variety of community settings at times that are agreeable to the youth and his/her family



Keith gained independence from the Youth to Work program.

Keith Tolliver was nearing the end of his high school career with little direction as to where his life would go next. A referral from the Department of Social Services brought Keith to Goodwill's Youth to Work program.

The program gave Keith the opportunity to work in the community doing various jobs including working on the crew that cleaned the Farmer's Market in Rocky Mount. Through ongoing training and support from his case manager, Keith learned the value of earning a paycheck and taking pride in your community.

Today, Keith is a participant in Goodwill's Organizational Employment program. Through his work as a materials handler in Goodwill's Commercial Services department, Keith is able to earn a paycheck and live independently. The Youth to Work program gave him the guidance to earn his own way and make it own his own.

"If it weren't for Goodwill I wouldn't be where I am today. Goodwill helped me to be a better person."

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