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Media Alerts for Goodwill Beginning May 31st (opportunities throughout the Roanoke, New River, and Shenandoah Valleys, including Lynchburg and Charlottesville).

Included in this edition:

- Goodwill's 2018 Community Impact Report is Available Online
- Goodwill to Host Technology Training Information Sessions
- Goodwill Industries of the Valleys Receives National Recognition for Outstanding Career Placement and Services
- Public Classes, Workshops, Job Fairs, and More Throughout the Month

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

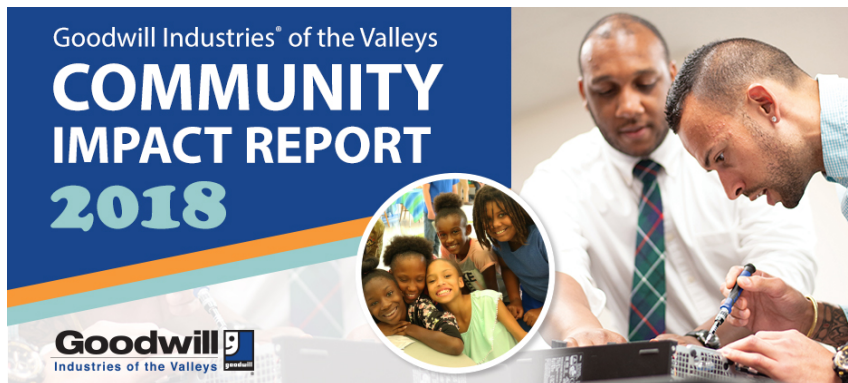
We would love to brainstorm potential story ideas with you, including personal interest stories of the people we serve.

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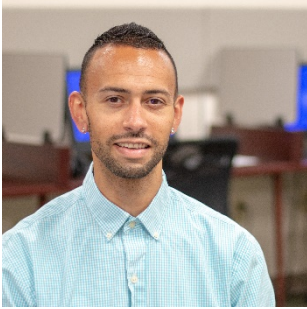


Goodwill's Community Impact Report is now available. The report highlights how community support enabled Goodwill to impact the lives of 47,288 people who needed assistance getting back to work or gaining greater independence last year.

Both a video ([click here](#) to view) and a summary brochure ([click here](#) to read) are now available.

Contact us today to do a story that will highlight for your audience the good news that is happening in our region through their support of Goodwill.

Goodwill to Host Technology Training Information Sessions



Goodwill's Careers in Technology* training program helps individuals, age 17 and older to gain the skills needed to have a career in the technology industry. The program seeks to help people who are unemployed or are having trouble making ends meet with their current job. In as little as 12 weeks, those who qualify for the program, receive skills training and the opportunity to earn credentials to get their career started on the right foot. Individuals enrolled in the program will benefit from financial assistance for tuition, books, and exam fees, as well as job-readiness and soft skills training as well as job placement assistance.

"The Careers in Technology program is a great way for people to receive training to begin a career in the Information Technology field," states Chris Muse, Careers in Technology Program Coordinator for Goodwill. "Individuals gain the knowledge to help them obtain certifications for in-demand Information Technology jobs in a variety of industries."

Information Sessions will be held at the Roanoke Jobs Campus, 2502 Melrose Avenue, NW, Suite B:

June 10th from 12pm – 1pm

June 11th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm

June 12th from 2pm – 3pm

June 17th from 11am – 12pm

June 18th from 1pm – 2pm & 5pm – 6pm

Individuals are encouraged to complete the [online interest form](#) if they are interested in the program.

By enrolling in the Careers in Technology Training Program, you will learn the skills needed to become a:

- Technical Support Specialist
- Helpdesk Technician
- Network Support Specialist
- PC Technician
- User Support Specialist

Through funding from a [TechHire grant](#), students will benefit from the technology training for certifications in areas such:

- CompTIA A+
- Network+
- Security+

**The U.S. Department of Labor- Employment and Training Administration is providing a \$1,084,693.78 grant award representing 76 percent of the total cost of operating Careers in Technology training. Goodwill is contributing leveraged funding valued at \$333,333 to cover the remaining 24 percent of operational costs.*

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys Receives National Recognition for Outstanding Career Placement and Services



Goodwill Industries of the Valleys has been designated by Goodwill Industries International as a 2019 Center of Excellence for Career Navigation. The Roanoke Goodwill has shown tremendous success in addressing its local community's need of sustaining employment opportunities for individuals with disadvantages. Over the past five years, Goodwill placed more than 8,500 individuals into employment, increased average wage of career opportunities for individuals participating in programs by almost \$4, and has seen a nearly 90% employment retention rate at one year post-placement.

The Goodwill Center of Excellence Award for Career Navigation celebrates a local Goodwill organization with demonstrated success of providing career navigation and financial wellness, placing persons served and employed in careers, and collaborating with community partners and/or employers to create locally relevant career opportunities for populations who are underrepresented. Launched in 2001 with the generous support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Center of Excellence Awards recognize local Goodwill organizations with exceptional family strengthening practices. The award was recently presented at Goodwill's annual spring conference in Ft. Worth, Texas.

To read the full Media Release, [click here](#).

Public Classes, Workshops, and More

Roanoke Valley

May 31 st	Resume Building Workshop	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Keyboarding Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Gardening**	5:30pm – 6:15pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill
	Corn Hole**	6:30pm – 7:30pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill
	Youth Mentoring Training	6pm – 8pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill
June 3 ^d	NorthStar Computer Assessments	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 5 th	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Beginner's Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 6 th	Beginner's Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	The Budd Group Job Fair	1pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 7 th	Keyboarding Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Resume Building Workshop	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 10 th	NorthStar Computer Assessments	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Careers in Technology Information Session	12pm – 1pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Your Personal Best Workshop	1pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 11 th	Microsoft Word Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus

	Careers in Technology Information Session	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 12 th	Microsoft Word Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Beginner's Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Careers in Technology Information Session	2pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 13 th	Real Goodwill Tour	8:30am – 9:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft Word Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Beginner's Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	The Budd Group Job Fair	1pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 14 th	Keyboarding Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Resume Building Workshop	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 17 th	NorthStar Computer Assessments	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Careers in Technology Information Session	11am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 18 th	Microsoft Excel Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Careers in Technology Information Sessions	11am – 12pm & 5pm – 6pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 19 th	Microsoft Excel Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Beginner's Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 20 th	Microsoft Excel Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Beginner's Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	The Budd Group Job Fair	1pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
June 21 st	Keyboarding Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Resume Building Workshop	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus

Madison Heights/Lynchburg

June 5 th	RGIS Hiring Event	9am – 3:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
June 12 th	RGIS Hiring Event	9am – 3:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
June 19 th	RGIS Hiring Event	9am – 3:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center

Charlottesville

June 4 th	Resume Writing Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
June 5 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Charlottesville GoodCare Office
June 6 th	Employers of the Week Job Fair	10:30am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
June 7 th	Goodwill Hiring Event	2pm – 4pm	Wilton Farm, Charlottesville

June 11 th	Goodwill Hiring Event	11am – 1pm	Westhaven Community Event, Charlottesville
	Strategies for Job Interviews Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
June 12 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Charlottesville GoodCare Office
June 13 th	Employers of the Week Job Fair	10:30am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
June 18 th	Cover Letter Writing Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
June 19 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Charlottesville GoodCare Office
	Virginia Career Works Job Fair – Charlottesville	2pm – 5pm	Northside Library, Charlottesville
June 20 th	Goodwill Hiring Event	11am – 1pm	Whitewood Apartments, Charlottesville
	Employers of the Week Job Fair	10:30am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*

Harrisonburg

June 7 th	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
June 14 th	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
June 19 th	Job Seeker Workshops	5pm – 5:45pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
June 21 st	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*

Staunton

June 4 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
June 11 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
June 18 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park

Radford

June 5 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
June 12 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
June 19 th	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Radford GoodCare Office

Clifton Forge

June 5 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
June 12 th	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
June 19 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

Galax

June 5 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
June 12 th	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
June 19 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax

Martinsville

June 7 th	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Martinsville Workforce Center
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June 14 th	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Martinsville Workforce Center
June 21 st	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Martinsville Workforce Center

*Goodwill operates Workforce Centers for various Workforce Investment Boards in Virginia. The centers offer workshops, job fairs, and other trainings as part of the basic services provided through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program.

**Youth must be registered to receive programming at YouthHQ@Goodwill in order to attend events. [Click here](#) for more information.

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 2018, Goodwill assisted more than 47,000 individuals with barriers to success, helped 3,300 people find jobs in our community, and provided training opportunities that resulted in more than 1,400 credentials being earned by individuals participating in Goodwill programs. Through the end of April, Goodwill has helped more than 18,500 people in 2019. Visit www.goodwillvalleys.com for more information.