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Media Alerts for Goodwill Beginning September 3rd (opportunities throughout the Roanoke, New River, and Shenandoah Valleys, including Lynchburg and Charlottesville).

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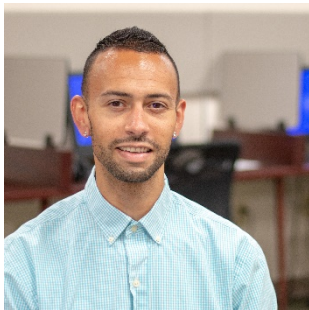
We would love to brainstorm potential story ideas with you, including personal interest stories of the people we serve.

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Goodwill to Host Technology Training Information Sessions



Goodwill will be hosting Technology Training Information Sessions next week for qualified individuals interested in training to enter the Technology field.

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 Ed Preston, Goodwill Digital Careers Program Manager 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:

September 9th from 12pm – 1pm

September 10th from 1pm – 2pm

September 13th from 10am – 11am
September 16th from 11am – 12pm
September 17th from 1pm – 2pm & 5pm – 6pm

Individuals are encouraged to complete the [online interest form](#) if they are interested in the program and plan to attend an Information Session.

The Careers in Technology Training Program will train individuals to become:

- 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.*

New Vision at Goodwill Hosting Workshops in Christiansburg



New Vision at Goodwill will be hosting two Workshops in September in Christiansburg to help individuals who are blind, visually impaired, or the elderly to use technology to increase their independence.

“New Vision at Goodwill provides educational services for the vision impaired, and we're excited about hosting workshops in the New River Valley,” states David Ward, Assistive Technology Instructor. “Our first workshop will focus on how seniors, caregivers, or those with disabilities can use virtual assistants, like Alexa, to make their life a little easier. And our second workshop will highlight how individuals with poor eyesight or no eyesight at all, can not only use smartphones but find it a liberating experience.”

[Virtual Assistants that Work for You Workshop](#)

Monday, September 9th at 2pm

This workshop is applicable to the Blind, Visually Impaired, and a wide variety of others such as seniors and care givers. The workshop will explain how the Amazon Echo and Google Home can be used as empowering tools.

[Make Your Smart Phone Work for You Workshop](#)

Monday, September 23rd at 2pm

This workshop is geared toward accessibility tools used by the Blind and Visually Impaired that make smartphones both, Android and iPhone, practical and empowering tools.

David Ward, New Vision at Goodwill's Assistive Technology Instructor, will lead both workshops which will take place at Goodwill's Christiansburg Training Center, 265A Peppers Ferry Road.

For more information or to register contact David at dward@goodwillvalleys.com or by calling (540) 985.8900.

Public Classes, Workshops, Job Fairs, and More Throughout the Month

Roanoke Valley

September 3 rd	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Your Personal Best Workshop	1pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
September 4 th	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Beginner Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
September 5 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Jamestown Place Job Fair	2pm – 4pm	Jamestown Place Community Room, Roanoke
	Science Club	6pm – 7:30pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill**
September 6 th	Keyboarding Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Resume Building Workshop	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
September 9 th	NorthStar Computer Assessment	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Careers in Technology Information Session	12pm – 1pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
September 10 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Careers in Technology Information Session	1pm – 2pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
September 11 th	Beginner Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
September 12 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Science Club	6pm – 7:30pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill**
September 13 th	Careers in Technology Information Session	10am – 11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Keyboarding Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Resume Building Workshop	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Youth Mentor Information Session	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Rocky Mount Jobs Campus
September 16 th	NorthStar Computer Assessment	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Careers in Technology Information Session	11am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Your Personal Best Workshop	1pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
September 17 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Careers in Technology Information Session	1pm – 2pm & 5pm – 6pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
September 18 th	Real Goodwill Tour	8:30am – 9:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus

	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Beginner Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
September 19 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Science Club	6pm – 7:30pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill**
September 20 th	Keyboarding Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Resume Building Workshop	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus

Madison Heights/Lynchburg

September 4 th	RGIS Hiring Event	9am – 3:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
September 11 th	RGIS Hiring Event	9am – 3:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
September 18 th	RGIS Hiring Event	9am – 3:30pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
September 19 th	Your Personal Best Workshop	10am – 1pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center

Charlottesville

September 3 rd	Resume Writing Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 4 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Charlottesville GoodCare Office
September 5 th	Employers of the Week Job Fair	10:30am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 10 th	Strategies for Job Interviews Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 11 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Charlottesville GoodCare Office
September 12 th	Employers of the Week Job Fair	10:30am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 17 th	Cover Letter Writing Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 18 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Charlottesville GoodCare Office
September 19 th	Employers of the Week Job Fair	10:30am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*

Harrisonburg

September 3 rd	Cargill Hiring Event	9am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 4 th	George’s Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 5 th	Delaware North Hiring Event	9am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 6 th	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 9 th	Pilgrim’s Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Perdue Hiring Event	10am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 11 th	George’s Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 12 th	Delaware North Hiring Event	9am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Job Corps Hiring Event	10am – 12am	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 13 th	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 16 th	Pilgrim’s Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Perdue Hiring Event	10am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*

September 17 th	Cargill Hiring Event	9am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 18 th	George’s Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Job Seeker Workshops	5pm – 5:45pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 19 th	Delaware North Hiring Event	9am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
September 20 th	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*

Staunton

September 3 rd	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
September 10 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
September 17 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park

Christiansburg

September 9 th	New Vision’s Virtual Assistant Workshop	2pm	Christiansburg Training Center
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Radford

September 4 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
September 11 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
September 18 th	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Radford GoodCare Office

Clifton Forge

September 4 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
September 11 th	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
September 18 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

Galax

September 4 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
September 11 th	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
September 18 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax

Martinsville

September 6 th	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Martinsville GoodCare Office
September 13 th	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Martinsville GoodCare Office
September 20 th	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Martinsville GoodCare Office

*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 to attend events. [Click here](#) for more information.

About Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys serves 35 counties and 14 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 July, Goodwill has helped more than 25,500 people in 2019. Visit www.goodwillvalleys.com for more information.