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Media Alerts for Goodwill Beginning November 1st (opportunities throughout Central, Southwest, and Southside, Virginia). Included in this edition:

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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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During November, Goodwill Takes the Opportunity to Thank Donors for Their Generosity



During the month of November, Goodwill would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to supporters. To show appreciation to donors, Goodwill is having a month long Thanks for Giving Contest. Donors will receive information on the contest when donating at Goodwill Store Donation Centers and Attended Donation Centers in November throughout the 35 county, 14 city service area in Central, Southwest, and Southside, Virginia.

Donations generously given to Goodwill are sold in retail stores, generating revenue that helps fund training and employment programs throughout area communities. Youth, adults, and seniors with disabilities, disadvantages, and the public that need assistance getting back to work all benefit from Goodwill programs and from donations.

“When you donate to Goodwill you help people who need a hand up, not a hand out to better their lives,” states Kelly Sandridge, Vice President, Brand Strategy & External Affairs. “Your donation of items you no longer need provides hope to individuals that Goodwill serves through our training and employment programs. Hope for a brighter future, greater independence for themselves and their families, and hope for stronger communities throughout our area.”

Donors and shoppers have made it possible for Goodwill to serve nearly 30,000 people so far in 2019 and helped more than 2,000 of those individuals find a job and the pride, dignity, and self-respect that comes from earning a paycheck. To learn more about some individuals helped by Goodwill please visit <http://bitly.com/goodwillsuccess>.

Volunteers Needed at YouthHQ@Goodwill in Roanoke

The Goodwill youth center in Roanoke is seeking adult volunteers to assist youth in the center after school. Volunteers who just spend 30 minutes helping students with homework are greatly appreciated. Other activities volunteers can participate in include simply having a conversation with a student, playing games, or even helping to serve dinner. Volunteers are needed between 4pm – 8pm, Mondays – Fridays.

“YouthHQ@Goodwill provides a safe place for middle and high school youth to spend time after school at no charge,” states Nicole Ross, Youth Center Manager. “We need adult volunteers to spend time with students and to be a positive influence on the young people in our program.”

For more information on volunteering, please contact Sarah Stephens, Donor Relations & Volunteer Manager at (540) 581.0620 ext. 1222 | sstephens@goodwillvalleys.com.

YouthHQ@Goodwill is a youth and teen center located at 2502 Melrose Avenue, NW, Roanoke. The center serves Roanoke area youth and the community. For more information on YouthHQ@Goodwill call (540) 767.0363, visit <https://www.goodwillvalleys.com/work-and-training-services/youth-services/#YouthHQ> or reach out to Nicole Ross at nross@goodwillvalleys.com.

New Vision at Goodwill Hosting Workshops in Christiansburg



New Vision at Goodwill will be hosting two Workshops in November 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](#)

Wednesday, November 6th 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, November 13th 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

November 4 th	Digital Literacy Information Session	10am – 10:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	NorthStar Computer Assessment	10:30am – 1pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
November 5 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft Excel Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
November 6 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft Excel Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
November 7 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft Excel Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Science Club	6pm – 7:30pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill**
November 11 th	Digital Literacy Information Session	10am – 10:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	NorthStar Computer Assessment	10:30am – 1pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Your Personal Best Workshop	1pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
November 12 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft PowerPoint Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
November 13 th	Real Goodwill Tour	8:30am – 9:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft PowerPoint Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
November 14 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft PowerPoint Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Science Club	6pm – 7:30pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill**
November 18 th	Digital Literacy Information Session	10am – 10:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	NorthStar Computer Assessment	10:30am – 1pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
November 19 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Intermediate Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
November 20 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus

	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Intermediate Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
November 21 st	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Intermediate Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Science Club	6pm – 7:30pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill**
November 22 nd	Resume Workshop	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Interview Workshop	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus

Madison Heights/Lynchburg

November 6 th	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
November 13 th	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
November 19 th	Your Personal Best Workshop	10am – 1pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
November 20 th	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center

Charlottesville Area

November 5 th	Resume Writing Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 6 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Charlottesville GoodCare Office
November 7 th	Employers of the Week Job Fair	10:30am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 8 th	Nelson County Library Job Seeker Workshop	2:30pm – 4pm	Nelson County Library, Lovingston
November 12 th	Strategies for Job Interviews Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 13 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Charlottesville GoodCare Office
November 14 th	Employers of the Week Job Fair	10:30am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 15 th	Virginia Career Works Job Fair	2pm – 4pm	Community Center, Lovingston
	Nelson County Library Job Seeker Workshop	2:30pm – 4pm	Nelson County Library, Lovingston
November 19 th	Cover Letter Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 20 th	Virginia Career Works Job Fair	2pm – 5pm	Northside Library, Charlottesville
	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Charlottesville GoodCare Office
November 21 st	Employers of the Week Job Fair	10:30am – 12pm	Virginia Career Works Center*

Harrisonburg

November 1 st	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 4 th	Pilgrim's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Perdue Hiring Event	10am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 5 th	Cargill Hiring Event	11am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 6 th	George's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Community Resume Workshop	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 8 th	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*

November 11 th	Pilgrim's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Perdue Hiring Event	10am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 12 th	Shenandoah Grower's Hiring Event	9am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 13 th	George's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 15 th	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 18 th	Pilgrim's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Perdue Hiring Event	10am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 19 th	Cargill Hiring Event	11am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 20 th	George's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Community Resume Workshop	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Job Seeker Workshops	5pm – 5:45pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
November 22 nd	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*

Staunton

November 5 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
November 12 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
November 19 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park

Radford/Christiansburg

November 6 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
	New Vision Virtual Assistant Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Christiansburg Training Center
November 13 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
	New Vision Smart Phone Workshop	2pm – 3:30pm	Christiansburg Training Center
November 20 th	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Radford GoodCare Office

Clifton Forge

November 6 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
November 13 th	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
November 20 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

Danville

November 1 st	Creating an Opportunity at Goodwill with the Dan River Nonprofit Network	9am – 10am	Danville Career Center
November 5 th	Microsoft Word Computer Class	9:15am – 12:15pm	Danville Career Center
November 11 th	Microsoft Word Computer Class	1pm – 4pm	Danville Career Center
November 18 th	Multi-Employer Job Fair	1pm – 4pm	Danville Career Center
November 21 st	Microsoft Word Computer Class	1pm – 4pm	Danville Career Center

Galax

November 6 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
November 13 th	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax
November 20 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax

Martinsville

November 1 st	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Martinsville GoodCare Office
November 8 th	GoodCare Information Session	11am	Martinsville GoodCare Office
November 15 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 Central, Southwest, and Southside Virginia. 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 September, Goodwill has helped nearly 30,000 people in 2019. Visit www.goodwillvalleys.com for more information.