



GOODWILL[®] NEWS STORIES

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Southside,
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Media Alerts for Goodwill Beginning December 9th | Opportunities throughout Central, Southwest, and Southside, Virginia. Included in this edition:

- Find Unique or DIY Gifts for All Your Special Someones at Goodwill
- Goodwill Seeks Donations Before the End of the Year
- 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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Find Unique or DIY Gifts for All Your Special Someones at Goodwill



Finding the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list doesn't have to be overwhelming or expensive! Goodwill is the perfect one stop shop for all your special someones. And you can choose to shop in-store or online!

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys operates 40 retail stores throughout Central, Southwest, and Southside, Virginia. Shoppers can find unique treasures as well as items to create personal DIY gifts. Find inspiration by visiting Goodwill's [Pinterest page](#) for lots of great [DIY Gift and Craft ideas](#)! To find your local Goodwill store, visit www.goodwillvalleys.com/shop/.

Goodwill also offers the ability for customers to shop online for a variety of items. Customers searching for vintage collectables, high end jewelry, and other one of a kind items can visit the Goodwill Industries of the Valleys ShopGoodwill page at www.shopgoodwill.com/roanoke. Customers searching for books, music, media, and video games can find additional Goodwill online storefronts by [clicking here](#).

Best of all, when you shop in-store or online with Goodwill Industries of the Valleys you are still supporting training and employment programs right here in your community that help youth, adults, and seniors get back to work, increase their skills to find a better job, or gain greater independence. [Click here](#) to view videos of people sharing their stories about the impact Goodwill had on their life and how Goodwill helped them have a brighter future.

Goodwill Seeks Donations Before the End of the Year



Have you been organizing your home for the holidays and realized that you need to make space for new purchases and gifts? If you want to start 2020 off fresh, Goodwill Stores and Attended Donation Centers are ready to receive your donations of clothing and household items! Donors will also receive a donation receipt that may be used for tax purposes* when they donate. Visit www.goodwillvalleys.com/donate/donate-goods/ to find the store or donation center near you.

During this season of giving, you can also support Goodwill with a monetary donation. Donors can give online at www.goodwillvalleys.com/donate/give/. Online donations must be made on Tuesday, December 31st by 11:59pm in order to receive a donation receipt for use during tax year 2019. As well, Goodwill accepts monetary donations through the mail and those can be sent to PO Box 6159, Roanoke, VA 24017. Donations postmarked by December 31, 2019 will receive a 2019 tax receipt.

Last year 90% of revenues generated directly supported Goodwill training and employment programs to help people get back to work and gain greater independence. You can be confident that your donations given to Goodwill are used to help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome barriers to employment and achieve a level of independence to participate more fully in life. Goodwill depends on your generosity to support our mission, and your donations help give a hand up to individuals throughout our communities in Central, Southwest, and Southside, Virginia.

“When the public chooses to entrust their donations to Goodwill, people in our community benefit from their generosity,” states Kelly Sandridge, Vice President, Brand Strategy & External Affairs for Goodwill. “There is a tremendous amount of pride, dignity, self-respect that comes from being able to earn a paycheck and provide for your family. When someone donates to Goodwill, they help to fund job training and employment programs that help people in our community obtain the skills needed to find work or get a better job.”

**Goodwill is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and donations to us may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor for more details.*

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

Roanoke Valley

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| December 9 th | Digital Literacy Information Session | 10am – 10:30am | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | NorthStar Computer Assessment | 10:30am – 12:30pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | Your Personal Best Workshop | 1pm – 4pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |

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| December 10 th | Intermediate Computer Class | 10am – 12pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | Microsoft Excel Computer Class | 1pm – 3pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| December 11 th | Intermediate Computer Class | 10am – 12pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | Microsoft Excel Computer Class | 1pm – 3pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | GoodCare Information Session | 3pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| December 12 th | Real Goodwill Tour | 8:30am – 9:30am | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | Intermediate Computer Class | 10am – 12pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | Microsoft Excel Computer Class | 1pm – 3pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| December 13 th | Google Digital Tools Computer Class | 10am – 1pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| December 16 th | Digital Literacy Information Session | 10am – 10:30am | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | NorthStar Computer Assessment | 10:30am – 12:30pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| December 17 th | Beginner Computer Class | 10am – 12pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | Microsoft PowerPoint Computer Class | 1pm – 3pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| December 18 th | Beginner Computer Class | 10am – 12pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | GoodCare Information Session | 11am | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | Microsoft PowerPoint Computer Class | 1pm – 3pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| December 19 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** |
| December 23 rd | Digital Literacy Information Session | 10am – 10:30am | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | NorthStar Computer Assessment | 10:30am – 12:30pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| | Your Personal Best Workshop | 1pm – 4pm | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| December 26 th | Tech Toys Workshop | By Appointment | Roanoke Jobs Campus |
| December 27 th | Tech Toys Workshop | By Appointment | Roanoke Jobs Campus |

Charlottesville Area

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| December 9 th | Strategies for Job Interviews Writing Workshop | 2pm – 3:30pm | Virginia Career Works Center* |
| December 11 th | Virginia Career Works Job Fair | 2pm – 5pm | Northside Library, Charlottesville |
| | GoodCare Information Session | 3:30pm | Charlottesville GoodCare Office |
| December 12 th | Employers of the Week Job Fair | 10:30am – 12pm | Virginia Career Works Center* |
| December 13 th | TSA Hiring Event | 11:30am – 1:30pm | Virginia Career Works Center* |
| | Nelson County Library Job Seeker Workshop | 2:30pm – 4pm | Nelson County Library, Lovingston |
| December 16 th | Cover Letter Workshop | 2pm – 3:30pm | Virginia Career Works Center* |
| December 18 th | GoodCare Information Session | 3:30pm | Charlottesville GoodCare Office |
| December 19 th | Employers of the Week Job Fair | 10:30am – 12pm | Virginia Career Works Center* |
| December 20 th | Nelson County Library Job Seeker Workshop | 2:30pm – 4pm | Nelson County Library, Lovingston |
| December 23 rd | Professionalism Workshop | 2pm – 3:30pm | Virginia Career Works Center* |
| December 26 th | Employers of the Week Job Fair | 10:30am – 12pm | Virginia Career Works Center* |

Danville

December 11th [Workforce Unlimited Hiring Event](#) 1pm – 3pm Danville Career Center

Harrisonburg

December 9th [Pilgrim's Hiring Event](#) 9am – 1pm Virginia Career Works Center*

December 10th [Shenandoah Grower's Hiring Event](#) 10am – 2pm Virginia Career Works Center*

[Cargill Hiring Event](#) 11am – 2pm Virginia Career Works Center*

December 11th [George's Hiring Event](#) 9am – 1pm Virginia Career Works Center*

December 13th [WIOA & Center Orientation](#) 10am – 11am Virginia Career Works Center*

[GoodCare Information Session](#) 2pm Virginia Career Works Center*

December 16th [Pilgrim's Hiring Event](#) 9am – 1pm Virginia Career Works Center*

December 17th [Shenandoah Grower's Hiring Event](#) 10am – 2pm Virginia Career Works Center*

December 18th [George's Hiring Event](#) 9am – 1pm Virginia Career Works Center*

[Community Resume Workshop](#) 10am – 11am Virginia Career Works Center*

[Job Seeker Workshops](#) 5pm – 5:30pm Virginia Career Works Center*

December 20th [WIOA & Center Orientation](#) 10am – 11am Virginia Career Works Center*

December 23rd [Pilgrim's Hiring Event](#) 9am – 1pm Virginia Career Works Center*

December 27th [WIOA & Center Orientation](#) 10am – 11am Virginia Career Works Center*

Madison Heights

December 11th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 3pm Madison Heights Jobs Center

December 18th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 3pm Madison Heights Jobs Center

Clifton Forge

December 11th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 2pm Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

December 18th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 10am Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

Galax

December 11th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 2pm Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax

December 18th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 10am Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax

Martinsville

December 13th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 11am Martinsville GoodCare Office

December 20th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 11am Martinsville GoodCare Office

December 27th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 11am Martinsville GoodCare Office

Radford

December 11th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 10am Radford GoodCare Office

December 18th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 2pm Radford GoodCare Office

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December 10th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 3:30pm Greenbrier Office Park

December 17th [GoodCare Information Session](#) 3:30pm Greenbrier Office Park

*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 October, Goodwill has helped over 32,000 people in 2019. Visit www.goodwillvalleys.com for more information.