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**

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December 10th

**Intermediate Computer Class**
10am – 12pm
Roanoke Jobs Campus

**Microsoft Excel Computer Class**
1pm – 3pm
Roanoke Jobs Campus

December 11th

**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 12th

**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 13th

**Google Digital Tools Computer Class**
10am – 1pm
Roanoke Jobs Campus

December 16th

**Digital Literacy Information Session**
10am – 10:30am
Roanoke Jobs Campus

**NorthStar Computer Assessment**
10:30am – 12:30pm
Roanoke Jobs Campus

December 17th

**Beginner Computer Class**
10am – 12pm
Roanoke Jobs Campus

**Microsoft PowerPoint Computer Class**
1pm – 3pm
Roanoke Jobs Campus

December 18th

**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 19th

**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 23rd

**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 26th

**Tech Toys Workshop**
By Appointment
Roanoke Jobs Campus

December 27th

**Tech Toys Workshop**
By Appointment
Roanoke Jobs Campus

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**Charlottesville Area**

December 9th

**Strategies for Job Interviews Writing Workshop**
2pm – 3:30pm
Virginia Career Works Center*

December 11th

**Virginia Career Works Job Fair**
2pm – 5pm
Northside Library, Charlottesville

**GoodCare Information Session**
3:30pm
Charlottesville GoodCare Office

December 12th

**Employers of the Week Job Fair**
10:30am – 12pm
Virginia Career Works Center*

December 13th

**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 16th

**Cover Letter Workshop**
2pm – 3:30pm
Virginia Career Works Center*

December 18th

**GoodCare Information Session**
3:30pm
Charlottesville GoodCare Office

December 19th

**Employers of the Week Job Fair**
10:30am – 12pm
Virginia Career Works Center*

December 20th

**Nelson County Library Job Seeker Workshop**
2:30pm – 4pm
Nelson County Library, Lovingston

December 23rd

**Professionalism Workshop**
2pm – 3:30pm
Virginia Career Works Center*

December 26th

**Employers of the Week Job Fair**
10:30am – 12pm
Virginia Career Works Center*
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|               | *Cargill Hiring Event* 11am – 2pm Virginia Career Works Center* |
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|               | *WIOA & Center Orientation* 10am – 11am Virginia Career Works Center*  
| Madison Heights | **December 11th**  
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| Clifton Forge  | **December 11th**  
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*Virginia Career Works 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 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](http://www.goodwillvalleys.com) for more information.