



GOODWILL[®] NEWS STORIES

Central,
Southwest, &
Southside
Virginia

looking for a good news story?

www.goodwillvalleys.com

Media Alerts for Goodwill Beginning March 2nd - opportunities throughout Central, Southwest, and Southside, Virginia. Included in this edition:

- Dinner in the Dark to Benefit New Vision Set for April 3rd
- Recruiting Now for Goodwill's GoodCare Healthcare Training Program
- Public Classes, Workshops, Job Fairs, and More Throughout the Month

Looking for a Goodwill story? Contact us today!

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

For more information or to set up an interview please contact:

Chelsea Moran: E: cmoran@goodwillvalleys.com | O: (540) 581.0620 ext. 1225 | C: (540) 520.8138

Kelly Sandridge: E: ksandridge@goodwillvalleys.com | O: (540) 581.0620 ext. 1107 | C: (540) 525.5728

Dinner in the Dark to Benefit New Vision Set for April 3rd



Benefitting New Vision at Goodwill Industries[®] of the Valleys

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys and Vistar Eye Center are proud to announce that Dinner in the Dark is returning.

Friday, April 3rd

5:30pm Cocktail Reception | 7pm Dinner

Hotel Roanoke | Roanoke Ballroom

Dinner in the Dark is an annual event supporting the work of [New Vision at Goodwill](#). Guests will be invited to experience dinner and conversation as they may never have before – without their sight. This unique in-the-dark dining experience will be accompanied by special entertainment, a cocktail reception, and a raffle of unique and exciting items, including getaways. All proceeds from this event support the services of New Vision at Goodwill as we educate, inform, and provide resources so that people with visual impairments can live their fullest lives.

New Vision at Goodwill seeks to promote independence and equality for people who are blind and visually impaired.

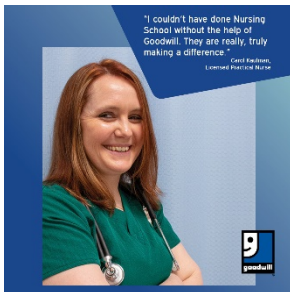
New Vision offers:

- Assistive Technology Center: The center offers free instruction on how to use the latest technology and devices to connect to the world and increase independence.
- On-Demand News Service: New Vision offers on-demand news service for people who are blind and visually impaired or have a print disability. Available 24/7, it provides local, national, and world news from over 500 publications. On-Demand News is a collaboration with the National Federation of the Blind and Roanoke Times.
- Radio Reading Service: New Vision, partners with WVTF, to provide special radios for people who are blind and visually impaired or have a print disability. Listeners tune to a sub-frequency to hear a program mix of readings from local and national newspapers and magazines.
- Large Print Calendars: Each year New Vision provides thousands of large print calendars to Virginians who are blind and visually impaired. The calendars measure 22 inches by 17 inches and feature a large font and numbers.

Tickets for Dinner in the Dark are now on sale. Tickets are limited. [Click here](#) for more information.

Dinner in the Dark tickets are \$90 (includes one drink ticket). Tables of 8 are also available for a discounted rate of \$700.

Recruiting Now for Goodwill's GoodCare Healthcare Training Program



Goodwill is currently recruiting individuals throughout the organization's [35 county, 14 city service area](#) for the GoodCare Program.

Individuals are encouraged to complete the [online interest form](#) if they are interested in the program. Also, individuals can attend information sessions being held in their area.

Information Sessions* are held weekly in Charlottesville, Clifton Forge, Galax, Harrisonburg, Madison Heights, Martinsville, Radford, Roanoke, and Staunton.

Upcoming Information Sessions:

March 3rd

3:30pm | Greenbrier Office Park, Staunton

March 4th

10am | Radford GoodCare Office

10am | Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge

10am | Wytheville Community College Crossroads Campus, Galax

11am | Roanoke Jobs Campus

3pm | Madison Heights Jobs Center

3:30pm | Charlottesville GoodCare Office

March 5th

11am | Martinsville GoodCare Office

March 6th

2pm | Harrisonburg Virginia Career Works Center

[GoodCare](#) is a healthcare training program operated by Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. Through a partnership with Community Colleges and Adult Education or Literacy programs, students will benefit from supportive services, life skills training, education, and assistance to obtain employment in the healthcare industry. GoodCare serves individuals who are TANF recipients, as well as other low-income individuals. Seats are limited and eligibility applies. ^

“Goodwill’s GoodCare healthcare training program helps individuals with disadvantages attain an in-demand healthcare credential and employment in a growing field. Individuals are placed onto a career pathway with steps to take to earn a higher income as they gain skills,” states Jennifer Hodges, GoodCare Senior Program Manager for Goodwill. “GoodCare helps students build confidence so that they can continue on their career ladder and provide for their family’s needs,

increasing family security and stability. Students receive the supports and services they need to be successful in the program, changing their lives and families as they progress in their professional careers.”

GoodCare Program Career Pathways include:

- Health Information: Microsoft Office Specialist, Medical Administrative Assistant, Health Records Coding, Medical Administrative Management
- Nursing: Personal Care/Home Health Aide, Certified Nurse Assistant, Registered Medication Aide, Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse
- Healthcare Support: Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Technician, Ophthalmic Assistant, Clinical Medical Assistant, Clinical Medical Administrative Assistant

Funding for the healthcare training program is provided by a [Health Professions Opportunity Grant](#) from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Learn more about HPOG on their [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) pages.

*For a full listing of upcoming Information Session dates, times, and locations visit Goodwill's [Events & News](#) or [GoodCare webpage](#).

[^]HPOG is a study funded by the federal government which is being conducted to determine how these training opportunities help people improve their skills and find better jobs. During the study, all new eligible applicants will be selected by lottery to participate in these training opportunities. Not all eligible applicants will be selected to participate in these opportunities.

This document was supported by Grant 90FX0038 from the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of HHS.

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

Roanoke Valley			
March 2 nd	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
March 3 rd	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft PowerPoint Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
March 4 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
March 5 th	Beginner Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft PowerPoint Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Speak Up! Speak Out! Workshop	1pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Science Club	6pm – 7:30pm	YouthHQ@Goodwill [^]
March 6 th	Resume Workshop	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
March 9 th	Digital Literacy Information Session	10am – 10:30am	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	NorthStar Computer Assessment	10:30am – 12:30pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
March 10 th	Intermediate Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft Word Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
March 11 th	Intermediate Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft Word Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus

March 12 th	Intermediate Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Microsoft Word Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus
	Speak Up! Speak Out! Workshop	1pm – 4pm	Roanoke Jobs Campus

Charlottesville

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

Christiansburg

March 2 nd	NorthStar Computer Assessment	10am – 1pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
	Computer Tutoring Session	1pm – 3pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
March 4 th	Microsoft Word Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
	Intermediate Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
March 5 th	Intermediate Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
March 6 th	Microsoft Word Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
	Computer Tutoring Session	12:30pm – 2pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
March 9 th	NorthStar Computer Assessment	10am – 1pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
	Computer Tutoring Session	1pm – 3pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
March 11 th	Microsoft Word Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
	Intermediate Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
March 12 th	Intermediate Computer Class	1pm – 3pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
	New Vision Virtual Assistants Work for You Workshop	1:30pm – 2:30pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
March 13 th	Microsoft Word Computer Class	10am – 12pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center
	Computer Tutoring Session	12:30pm – 2pm	Goodwill Learning Academy – New River Valley Center

Danville

March 5 th	Speak Up! Speak Out! Workshop	1pm – 4pm	Danville Jobs Center
-----------------------	---	-----------	----------------------

Harrisonburg

March 2 nd	Pilgrim's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
March 3 rd	Shenandoah Grower's Hiring Event	10am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*

March 4 th	George's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
March 6 th	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
March 9 th	Pilgrim's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
March 10 th	Shenandoah Grower's Hiring Event	10am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Cargill Hiring Event	11am – 2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
March 11 th	George's Hiring Event	9am – 1pm	Virginia Career Works Center*
	Community Resume Workshop	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
March 13 th	WIOA & Center Orientation	10am – 11am	Virginia Career Works Center*
	GoodCare Information Session	2pm	Virginia Career Works Center*

Madison Heights

March 3 rd	Speak Up! Speak Out! Workshop	1pm – 4pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
March 4 th	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center
March 11 th	GoodCare Information Session	3pm	Madison Heights Jobs Center

Clifton Forge

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

Galax

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

Martinsville

March 5 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Martinsville GoodCare Office
March 12 th	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Martinsville GoodCare Office

Radford

March 4 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Radford GoodCare Office
March 11 th	GoodCare Information Session	10am	Radford GoodCare Office

Staunton

March 3 rd	GoodCare Information Session	3:30pm	Greenbrier Office Park
March 10 th	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 2019, Goodwill assisted more than 38,000 individuals with barriers to success, helped 2,921 people find jobs in our

community, and provided training opportunities that resulted in 2,550 credentials being earned by individuals participating in Goodwill programs. Through the end of January, Goodwill has helped over 7,200 people in 2020. Visit www.goodwillvalleys.com for more information.