

Letter to the Editor – Goodwill Industries Week 2006

Goodwill: It's More Than You Think

You might think – as many do – that Goodwill Industries is simply a place to donate those blue jeans you can't squeeze into any more, the books your children have outgrown or the dishes that don't match your newly remodeled kitchen. You figure it's a worthy place to donate your gently used belongings so that others might be able to buy them at an affordable price – and you are right. But, that doesn't begin to scratch the surface of how Goodwill is changing lives in and around the Tulsa area.

Every day, here in Tulsa and in towns across the country, Goodwill Industries converts the items you no longer need into jobs and job training for people with disabilities and others who face challenges finding work. People who are dependent on welfare, homeless, or lack education and work experience, as well as those with physical, mental and emotional disabilities.

Last year, Goodwill provided employment, job training and case management services to over 2,100 individuals with disabilities and/or disadvantaging conditions. Their success is your success. As we celebrate Goodwill Industries Week this year, we want to say **Thank You** to the people of Tulsa whose continued support allows us to help people find and keep good jobs and enjoy the dignity and independence that work brings.

Celebrate Goodwill Industries Week May 7-13.

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