

THE NEWS LETTER

SPRING 2020



Our mission is to provide work opportunities, job training and support services for people with disabilities or other employment barriers.

CHASING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Folu spent 15 years waiting to immigrate to the United States. The Nigerian native had relatives already living in Tulsa, and she believed she could find more success for herself in Oklahoma.

Once arriving, however, she struggled to find work. She had held a good job for more than a decade in Nigeria, but the cultural differences she encountered in the states were almost too hard for her to navigate. She couldn't make sense of how to find a job.

"I couldn't figure out anything," she remembers. "I looked at myself, 'should I go back to Nigeria? I just don't know.'"

Folu was nearly ready to give up on the American dream when she came to Goodwill Industries of Tulsa. There, she met with one of our career navigators, David, and the two discussed her options. He encouraged her to go through the Goodwill TulsaWORKS Career Academy.

"I told him, 'I'm willing to start at the beginning, whatever it takes.'"

Folu dove in and started class the very next week. She graduated a few months later from our Career Readiness, Digital Readiness, Workplace Computer Skills, IT Fundamentals and Hospitality programs. She now works as a customer service representative in Tulsa, putting several of the skills she learned to use. Folu says Goodwill has given her the confidence and know-how to succeed in America.

"Without Goodwill, I don't think I would be anywhere," she says. "The great training that was given, it's really good. I know that it is going to help me."



Customer Appreciation Day

25% off total purchase

- March 27
- April 24
- May 29
- June 26
- July 31
- August 28



Half Price Clothing

50% off all men's, women's and children's clothing

HALF

- May 2
- June 13
- July 18

Senior Day

55+ receive 25% off total purchase

- March 31
- April 7 & 21
- May 5 & 19
- June 9 & 23
- July 14
- August 4 & 18



Oklahoma Tax Free Holiday

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- August 7-8-9

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1. Be eligible for all Goodwill sales

2. Earn & redeem reward points

Sign up on our mobile app, or in-store today!

Goodwill shoppers already know that our stores are the place to find great value and unique selection. But did you know there's a new membership just for savvy shoppers like you? Don't miss your opportunity to become a Goodwill Member today. It's absolutely free!

Not only does becoming a Goodwill Member make you eligible for all Goodwill sales, but also allows you to earn and redeem reward points.

Here's how it works!

\$1 spent = 1 point earned.

Once you earn 250 points you are eligible to receive 25% off your total purchase!

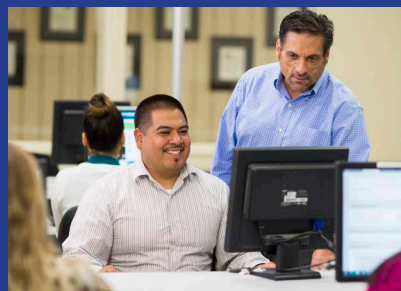
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1. Type 'Goodwill Tulsa' in app store & download for free
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"I CAN NOW TAKE LAPTOPS AND DESKTOPS APART THEN PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER... AND THEY WORK! IT IS WONDERFUL TO BE BACK AT WORK AND BE ABLE TO PAY MY BILLS.

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- EVE, GRADUATE



"CLASS WAS HARD AT FIRST BECAUSE I HAVEN'T BEEN IN SCHOOL IN A VERY LONG TIME, BUT THE GOODWILL TEAM GAVE ME THE CAPABILITY TO LEARN."

- KIMBERLY, GRADUATE



"OUR INSTRUCTOR DID MORE THAN JUST INSTRUCT US, SHE MENTORED US."

- STACY, GRADUATE



SIMPLIFY YOUR JOB SEARCH



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Receive professional tips for creating a resume that showcases your experience and abilities.



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FREE SERVICES OFFERED MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 8:30AM - 5PM

Tulsa-West
918-599-0067
2800 Southwest Blvd.
Tulsa, OK 74107

Tulsa-Midtown
918-747-1334
1665 S. Yale Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74112



GOODWILL'S SUPPORTED WORKER PROGRAMS HELP INDIVIDUALS THRIVE

A major part of seeing that mission come to life can be found in our community-based programs. Those include group worksites where adults with intellectual disabilities work under direct support.

Crystal is one such supported worker. She's spent 16 years working in Goodwill's Contract Services Program. There, she is tasked with a wide variety of jobs from assembling bags of spare parts to placing labels on bottles destined to be filled with oil. Those jobs are all done in partnership with outside companies.

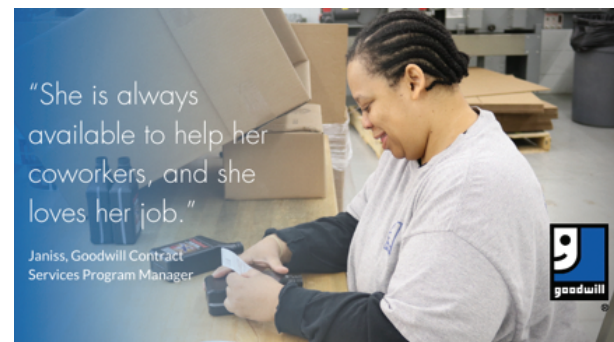
"It's pretty enjoyable because I love working with my coworkers and my job coaches," Crystal says. "Especially my job coaches because they always try to get me to set my goals."

Crystal says she can't imagine her life any other way. "Without Goodwill, I wouldn't know where I'd be."

As much as Goodwill means to Crystal, she means just as much to her coworkers.

Contract Services Program Manager Janiss says, "she is always available to help her coworkers, and she loves her job." Janiss says Crystal brings a boost of energy to any room she enters. "She's always the one laughing, joking and kidding. It's great for morale."

Crystal says the her friends and coworkers are the best part of the job. "To me, I'm like a big sister to them and they always come up to me for advice."



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Janiss, Goodwill Contract Services Program Manager

IT'S TIME TO BEGIN SPRING CLEANING

You can feel the energy in the air when spring arrives. With longer days comes birds singing in the trees and plants blooming once again. It feels like time to shake off the dust of a winter being cooped up. It's also a perfect time to donate to Goodwill.

The tradition of using spring as the catalyst for cleaning our homes goes deep into antiquity. The Persian New Year coincides with the first day of spring, and for thousands of years has been celebrated by cleaning one's home. Jewish preparations for Passover historically included cleansing homes. The Catholic Church

still maintains a tradition of deep cleaning church alters the day before Good Friday.

When it comes time to tackle the cleaning in your home, you'll likely find a lot of stuff that you don't want anymore. You'll come across clothes you don't wear, or housewares you don't use, or Christmas gifts you didn't ask for. Getting rid of those things should be a part of your spring cleaning.

Tackling this task can be easy with these steps:

- 1) Make a list of items you want to get rid of
- 2) Gather those items and create your donation pile

Pro Tip: you want to do this before cleaning to avoid stirring up dust later

3) Take your donation pile to the nearest Goodwill Industries of Tulsa attended donation center

4) Clean your home in a top-to-bottom plan
Pro Tip: start with the items physically highest, so dust will fall down on items that have yet to be cleaned

When you donate to Goodwill you are doing far more than if you threw out your old items. Your donations help support hundreds of jobs and our job creation programs.



4,700+



individuals served in all programs



787 jobs filled in the community with individuals we assisted

17 MILLION

pounds of donated goods repurposed and saved from landfill



533,924 donors of material goods

\$95 MILLION

total economic impact



\$2.6M state fiscal impact

912,829

in-store customer transactions



\$12.1 MILLION

paid in wages and benefits to Goodwill employees with barriers to employment



81%

payroll to employees with disabilities or other barriers



TRANSFER YOUR VALUES

One goal of nearly all parents or grandparents is to teach values to their family. We all hope that our children and children's children will be honest, caring, resourceful, faithful and generous.

One effective way of teaching the principle of helping others is to model that behavior through the support of charities. Children realize that they are here on earth not just to acquire assets but also to find a sense of purpose and value through

assisting others.

Legacy giving opportunities can provide benefits for your family and the organizations you support. By making a planned gift and establishing plans for the future, you can demonstrate the importance of caring for family and the true purpose of life.

You have the ability to give your family time to learn what legacy means, show your care for your family and facilitate the transfer of values. Truly, these giving

objectives during life are an important part of your efforts to help upcoming generations to become financial stewards and share common passion to give back.

If you would like to consider a planned gift and transfer your values through your giving, we invite you to contact our Legacy Giving Office at 918-491-0079 or email Karla Davis at kdavis@goodwilltulsa.org today.

FREE INCOME TAX PREP FOR THE TULSA COMMUNITY

GOODWILL VITA CENTRAL - MONDAY-FRIDAY | 9AM - 2PM
1667 S. YALE AVE., TULSA, OK 74112

GOODWILL - SATURDAY | 9AM - 2PM
2800 SOUTHWEST BLVD. TULSA, OK 74107

TULSA DREAM CENTER - MONDAY & THURSDAYS | 9AM - 2PM
200 W. 46TH ST. NORTH, TULSA, OK

YWCA EAST COMMUNITY CENTER - TUESDAYS | 9AM - 2PM
8145 E. 17TH ST., TULSA, OK

THE CENTER FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES - THURSDAYS | 5 - 7 PM | 815 S. UTICA, TULSA, OK



EASILY SPLIT YOUR REFUND BETWEEN SAVINGS AND CHECKING ACCOUNTS.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS WILL BE OFFERING FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION SERVICES TO CLIENTS WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS \$56,000 A YEAR OR LESS. PLEASE **BRING YOUR PHOTO ID AND SOCIAL SECURITY CARD** FOR ALL RETURNS AND SAVINGS AND CHECKING ACCOUNT INFORMATION TO PROCESS REFUNDS.

918-584-7291 - GOODWILLTULSA.ORG/FREETAXPREP

Goodwill Stores & Donation Centers

STORES

Tulsa

3110 Southwest Blvd. - Southwest Blvd. Store
102 S. Garnett - Garnett Store
19021 E. 51st St. - Stone Creek Store

2210 W. Washington St. (91st & 145th E. Ave), **Broken Arrow**
502 West 125th Place, **Glenpool**
1204 N. Lynn Riggs, **Claremore**
3826 E. Frank Phillips, **Bartlesville**
8525 N. 117th East Ave., **Owasso**
715 S. George Nigh Expressway, **McAlester**
128 W. George Phelps, **Carthage, MO**
2102 Range Line Road, **Joplin, MO**
Store hours: 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday and
Noon-6:00 p.m., Sunday

DONATION CENTERS

Tulsa

2800 Southwest Blvd. (open 24 hours)
102 S. Garnett
19021 E. 51st St.
3807 S. Harvard
9242-H S. Sheridan
1691 S. Yale
6933 S. Sheridan
8028 S. Yale
8929 S. Memorial
10925 S. Memorial
5937 S. Lewis
1210 E. 41st St (41st and Peoria)
8029 S. Mingo Rd.

Bixby

14625 S. Memorial

Broken Arrow

91st & 145th East Ave.
1027 N. 12th
6442 Elm Place
5054 E. Kenosha St.

Glenpool

502 West 125th Place

Jenks

211 W. Main St.
605 W. 121st St.

Sand Springs

202 N. Jefferson St.

Sapulpa

1022 E. Taft

Owasso

8525 N. 117th East Ave.
11499 N. 135th East Ave.

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3826 E. Frank Phillips Blvd.

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1204 N. Lynn Riggs

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715 S. George Nigh Expy.

Wagoner

1528 West Highway 51

Joplin

2102 Range Line Road

Carthage

128 W. George Phelps

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