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# The Goodwill Grapevine

Monthly Organizational Updates



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## CELEBRATING 96 YEARS IN TULSA

By David Oliver

August is a special month for Goodwill Industries of Tulsa because we were originally incorporated on August 3rd, 1927, and this year we are celebrating our 96th anniversary! Each year as we approach our anniversary, it inspires me to look back and reflect on our long history.

I find it amazing and difficult to comprehend all the changes that have occurred over the 96 years that Goodwill Industries of Tulsa has been in existence. This time frame includes technological advances that could not have been imagined in 1927, a world war, multiple economic expansions and depressions (including the Great Depression, which occurred shortly after Goodwill Tulsa was incorporated), and a stock market collapse in 1929; yet through all this Goodwill Industries of Tulsa continues to survive and thrive.

As I think about what aspects of Goodwill have allowed us to become one of the longest continuously operating nonprofits not only in our local region but nationally, I always come back to a couple of things, and, for me, those are our mission and people. I believe there is incredible strength and purpose in the concept of providing people with a "hand up" as opposed to a "hand out." This basic tenet has guided our work for all 96 years that we have been in existence, and it has served us well. But it would not be possible to execute our mission without the incredible people who have worked daily for 96 years to turn that mission into action and results.

As we celebrate our anniversary this month, I hope that all of you will take a few minutes and reflect on all the lives that Goodwill has touched over the past 96 years and take great pride in knowing that what we all do daily improves the lives of individuals in our community. My request as we look forward is that all of us continue to work together to increase the number of lives that we can positively impact over the next 96 years.

Speaking of anniversaries, we felt that this was the perfect time to kick off a new initiative that we are undertaking at Goodwill Industries of Tulsa. Sometime this week, you will be receiving information about how we plan to celebrate work anniversaries going forward, so be on the lookout for that.

## August Anniversaries

Kayla Foster - 08/01/2011	Jimmy Moore - 08/11/2008	Leah Hibbs - 08/21/2006
Rodney Campbell - 08/02/2004	Leroy Denson - 08/13/2021	Keonna Wright - 08/23/2004
Kerri Jay - 08/02/2022	Sara Cupples - 08/13/2007	Linda Storm - 08/24/1989
Rodney Carroll - 08/03/2022	Mary Lenard - 08/13/2021	Christine Cox - 08/25/2021
Michael Tecumseh - 08/03/2009	John Griffin - 08/13/2007	Keith Baker - 08/25/2003
Kirk Hines - 08/05/2022	Teresa Mize - 08/13/2007	Erik Harbin - 08/27/2009
Mattie Jordan - 08/05/2022	Shelton McClure - 08/16/2004	Evelyn Hall - 08/27/2013
Carolyn Olden - 08/05/2019	Leonard Wormser - 08/16/2012	Pam Shirley - 08/27/2007
Chris Hockett - 08/06/2007	Allen Borum - 08/17/2022	John Clowers - 08/27/2015
Ladaryl Bowen - 08/07/1987	LeAnna Aultman - 08/17/2022	Rebecca Lay - 08/29/2022
Michell Bollinger - 08/07/2008	Kaylyn Proctor - 08/17/2022	James Rainwater - 08/29/2000
Stephen Almanza - 08/08/2011	Donald Jackson - 08/17/2018	Lloyd Gililland - 08/30/2016
Nancy Webster - 08/08/1994	John Taber - 08/17/2015	Thomas Henderson - 08/30/2019
Craig Byrom - 08/09/2019	Javier Vasquez - 08/18/2021	Veronica Brandt - 08/30/2019
Sandra Hieber - 08/09/2018	Robert Lawson - 08/19/2019	Florence Smittick - 08/30/2010
Julius Watkins - 08/09/2018	Amber Harrison - 08/20/2021	James Brashear - 08/31/2022



## September Birthdays

2 - Ronald Lewis	11 - Jeremy Breedlove	21 - Javier Vasquez
2 - Phillip Pumphrey	13 - Amber McKinney	22 - Anthony Logsdon
3 - Ally Sanchez	13 - Traci Daubert	23 - Kennedy Adams
3 - Joanna Acuna	14 - Veronica Florence	23 - Ashton Cartwright
5 - Elizabeth Campbell	14 - Nikki Viana	24 - Sharolyn Elieisar
7 - Jody Allen	15 - Markcous Denson	24 - Aaron Bass
7 - Avery Atnip	15 - Kendra Miller	25 - Duane Stokes
7 - Tina Hamilton	17 - Nathan Wilkerson	26 - Jamie Johnston
8 - Shirley Anderson	17 - Brett Brumbaugh	26 - William Mcculley
8 - Crystal Alexander	18 - Kyle Byrd	28 - Logan Winiecke
9 - Leonard Phifer	19 - Risako Mutuk	29 - Ted Crooks
10 - Boyice Riley	19 - Melinda Berry	29 - Rosa Fuerte
10 - Eloise Davis Coleman	20 - Therisa Cullom	30 - Kathryn Horath
11 - Penny Smith	21 - Thomas Conrad	30 - Tara Lindley