# The Goodwill Grapevine

Monthly Organizational Updates



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# SAFETY IS OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

By David Oliver

Every day you come to work, your actions can affect others. Each of us is responsible for making sure we act in a way that protects our employees, our guests and customers, and Goodwill Tulsa. This month, I want to highlight for you two items related to safety.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF INCIDENT REPORTING

Whenever you witness a safety incident or a near miss, reporting it is important. Why?

- To prevent even more serious incidents from occurring. Knowing about issues allows Goodwill Tulsa to put solutions in place before another employee is harmed or endangered.
- To ensure compliance with regulations and policies, allowing workers' comp to work correctly and saving the company time and money.
- To contribute to an active culture of health and safety, where employees look after each other.

#### Remember the following:

- Who should report? Anybody who witnesses an incident or near miss should report it to their supervisor, particularly if someone is injured.
- What should be reported? Any incident where someone was injured, or could have been injured, should be reported. Make sure you include a description of the incident, including time and place (so we can consult cameras if appropriate).
- When should the reporting happen? As soon as possible, so an investigation can begin immediately. The sooner an incident is reported, the more likely it is that the information is accurate and nothing important is forgotten.

Here's the bottom line about reporting: It protects the employee and the company.

#### **WEAPONS AT WORK**

Bringing weapons to work presents a health and safety risk and is a clear violation of Goodwill Tulsa's Employee Handbook, which says the following:

Employees, Program Participants, guests and others are prohibited from possessing weapons in any Goodwill location, store or structure, or while performing any Goodwill business, unless such prohibition would violate state or federal law. Employees are further prohibited from carrying weapons in any Goodwill vehicle or personal vehicle when used for Goodwill business. Law enforcement on official business is exempt from this policy. Weapons include guns, knives, explosives, and other items with the potential to inflict harm.

Please note that your employment may, at management's discretion, be terminated **on the first offense** for having weapons while on Goodwill sites or conducting business for Goodwill.

Maintaining a safe workplace is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for doing your part!

### **March Anniversaries**

Number in parentheses indicates years of service

Jody Allen (1) Victoria Annesley (1) Crystal Armstrong (20) Donnel Caldwell (15) Linda Colley (7) Jeff Detien (16) Ariel Eckols (1) Roberta Fuller (5) Jacob Grimes (1) Kyle Hager (2) Johnny Hundley (1) Kassie Joslin (1) Melinda Karns (5)

Michael Lockett (8) Conny Marsh (7) Ron Meijerink (1) Billy Neff (1) Juana Rodriguez (7) Dawn Sparks (6) Kara Staton (1) Dakota Swenson (1) Latoya Tart (16) Malita Thomas (13) Corey White (1) Tori White (1) Brandon Yates (2)



## **April Birthdays**

- 1 Joshlyn Finch
- 3 Daren Barrett
- 4 Trisha Davis
- 9 Leroy Denson Jr.
- 9 Michael Palmer 9 - Kayla Serna
- 9 Shucarra Williamson
- 10 Garrett Wilson
- 12 Veronica Brandt
  - 12 Xob Lee
  - 12 Paula Lewis
- 13 Stephanie Urena
- 15 Angelica Reyes

- 17 Parrish McDaris
- 18 Jeffrey Holloway
  - 19 Sara Carlson
- 19 Matthew Lovett
- 21 Cathy Phillips
- 21 Randy Putnam
- 22 Paul Miller
- 22 Christina Smith
- 25 Kassie Joslin
- 26 Myesha Clayton
- 26 Sunshine Wise
- 27 David Conley
- 27 Julie Rettinger

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY PARTY







