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The Goodwill Grapevine

Monthly Organizational Updates



BIG GROWTH & CHANGES COMING TO GOODWILL

By David Oliver

I am excited to share major changes coming to Goodwill as we head into the holidays and beyond. We are retooling and renaming our job placement services, expanding our footprint into a new city in Oklahoma, and preparing to open a new location in Tulsa.

If you've been by our offices at 17th and Yale recently, you may have noticed some changes to the former Goodwill Job Connection. That's because we are updating the services we offer to job seekers and relaunching the program under a new name: Goodwill Career Center. The Career Center will go beyond the job search and help individuals develop a career plan so that they can grow in their professional lives.

I am also excited to announce that Goodwill Tulsa will expand its services into a new city in 2024. Muskogee will be the home of a new retail store, attended donation center, and a second Goodwill Career Center. This means we will bring our mission to provide work opportunities, job training, and support services for people with disabilities or other employment barriers to a new community.

Here in Tulsa, we will open a new attended donation center this winter. The new donation center will open at 101st and Mingo, a part of South Tulsa that has long been underserved. We will be growing our donations staff to help man this new location.

These changes are possible only because of the continued support we receive from our community, including from partners like the Tulsa Area United Way. I believe that being a good partner goes both ways, and that's why I am pleased to see that so many of Goodwill's employees participated in this year's United Way campaign. I want to thank every one of you who decided to give to the United Way. Your gifts help the United Way continue to grow to the benefit of the entire Tulsa area.



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Department Spotlight

The Financial Empowerment Center

By Karla Davis

The Tulsa Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) is turning three years old in December! These first three years have seen several great success stories!

Our three Financial Resilience Award Winners show the range of what is possible. In 2021, Bria Brown-King became our first award winner after they “gifted” themselves financial empowerment by scheduling an appointment with the FEC. The next year, Sonia Matul was able to pay off medical debts and reduce the financial stress in her life. Most recently, Becca Carnett got control of her bills and planned a real vacation.

These are just three of nearly 700 clients who have had 2,260 sessions with FEC Counselors in our first three years. We want to remind employees that the FEC is open to them as well. Schedule your appointment at GoodwillTulsa.org/FEC.



698 clients
served



2,260
sessions



529
outcomes

#FECPublic



Goodwill
Industries of Tulsa



\$792K in client
non-mortgage debt reduced



\$244,129 in
savings built

Paydays

November 10 & 24

Thanksgiving

All Goodwill locations will be closed on Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Administrative, Goodwill TulsaWORKS, Career Center, Vocational Services, Contract Services, Financial Resilience, and VITA will be closed on Friday, November 24.

Halloween Costume Contest Winners



November Anniversaries

Ita Troglin - 11/25/2014
 William Brechka - 11/19/2018
 Libby Lyon - 11/23/2020
 Stephen Naquin - 11/05/2021
 Grace Matzkvech - 11/28/2022
 Heather Conn - 11/25/2019
 Lisa Downing - 11/01/2022
 Shelli English - 11/10/2005
 Randy Putnam - 11/03/1989
 Judy Lamb - 11/09/2009

Melinda Stevens - 11/15/2022
 Deborah Snyder - 11/02/2017
 Brooklyn Littlebear - 11/05/2021
 Lester Morris - 11/01/2021
 Spencer Smith - 11/04/2015
 Kathi Cornell - 11/18/2004
 Troy Carr - 11/01/2007
 Kathryn Walker - 11/19/2009
 William Barrett - 11/01/2010
 Juanita Seals - 11/01/2022

Nancy Wallace - 11/01/2007
 Mary Burke - 11/24/2003
 Melissa Buckner - 11/05/2015
 Lian Guite - 11/20/2020
 Chandra Sallis - 11/17/2022
 Tina Maali - 11/06/2020
 Joanna Horne - 11/30/2020
 Celia Armstrong - 11/28/2022



December Birthdays

1 - Alvin Davidson
 1 - Jason Kuykendall
 2 - Victoria Annesley
 2 - David Smith
 4 - Tabitha Tewell
 4 - Cody Knight
 4 - Stephen Almanza
 5 - Bryan Weimer
 7 - Anthony Antelman
 7 - Sheila Farrara
 7 - Jael Leon
 8 - Billy Perkins
 9 - Kayrin Anton

9 - Dustin Barton
 10 - Keonna Wright
 11 - Thomas Weber
 11 - Ami Woznik
 11 - Arcy Saky
 12 - Stephan Newman
 12 - Braylea Kuykendall
 12 - Bruce Phipps
 12 - Masouda Basharat
 14 - Amanda Williams
 14 - Walter Clary
 15 - Nancy Wallace
 15 - Andrew Raney

15 - Aairious Mouton
 15 - Amy Cates
 16 - Maria Socorro
 16 - Daisy Mariquin
 17 - Joshua Shannon
 18 - Kirk Hines
 19 - Thomas Henderson
 20 - Kenneth Harrison
 20 - Sharon Palmer
 21 - Renee Roy
 21 - Jimmy Moore
 22 - Janelle Money
 23 - Marissa Green

23 - Richard Stubblefield
 25 - Victoria Misener
 26 - Samuel Henry
 27 - Agnes Sak
 27 - Lorena Lyons
 27 - Lily Richardson
 28 - Celia Armstrong
 29 - Craig Byrom
 31 - Josephine Elieisar
 31 - Leonard Wormser
 31 - Dylsya Markham



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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma- 2023 Thanksgiving Meal Sign-Up: Registration is open for Thanksgiving Meal Distribution. Each family that registers will be provided a meal box that includes ingredients to prepare a Thanksgiving meal, including a turkey! Call 1-844-366-3265 for more information, or visit OKFoodBank.org/Turkey.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides winter heating funding to eligible low-income households during specific application periods during the year. Visit OKDHS.org or OKDHSLive.org for more information.

Toys for Tots: Provides Christmas toys to eligible low-income families with children. Application required to receive assistance. The application is available online. Toys are distributed while supplies last. Learn more at ToysForTots.org

