

NOVEMBER 2024

The Goodwill Grapevine

Monthly Organizational Updates



GOODWILL SUPPORTS TULSA'S FIRST WORKLAHOMA JOB FAIR

David Oliver

Thanks to the hard work of many Goodwill employees, Work Ready Tulsa's first WORKlahoma Job Fair was a massive success.

WORKlahoma saw more than 100 job seekers come through the doors. This unique event, held on October 24 at the Agora Event Center, was designed to offer job seekers the support, time, and resources needed for success. Each of the attendees had the opportunity for meaningful conversations with representatives from nearly two dozen employers. Computers were provided so job seekers could apply on the spot, and a photographer was on hand to offer complimentary professional headshots.

Job seekers also were offered connections to services offered by Goodwill and Work Ready Tulsa, including training and support.



Work Ready Tulsa is operated by Goodwill on behalf of the State of Oklahoma. The program aligns perfectly with our mission to empower people to reach their full potential through work opportunities, training, and support services. WORKlahoma highlighted the dedication of our staff to fulfill our mission, and I'm proud to see our organization searching for exciting new ways to offer people the transformative power of work.

NOVEMBER 2024

Department Spotlight

ESL Partnership Provides Pathway Success

By Sabrina Ware

Thanks to a partnership with Union Adult Learning Center, English as a Second Language (ESL) courses have been offered at Goodwill since October of 2023. In that time, we have seen several individuals, including Goodwill employees, take advantage of this opportunity!

Claudia Patrick is the ESL instructor for Union Adult Learning Center at Goodwill, and her students agree that her dedication is providing a pathway to a better future.

Penrina Osomai, originally from Micronesia, is a utility processor at Goodwill. "I wanted to communicate better," says Penrina, "and this was my chance to learn. Ms. Claudia is a great teacher, and I am learning so much!"



Maria Socorro, who works in Goodwill's E-Commerce department, is grateful for the opportunity to grow her English skills. Having moved to Tulsa from Venezuela, Maria says language is the primary barrier she faces to career growth.

The ESL course offered at Goodwill is an academic curriculum that focuses on developing English speaking for non-native speakers. At Goodwill, ESL classes are offered in-person and virtually, Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. Enrollment begins in August and January each year. If you are interested in improving your English-speaking skills, please contact your Grow with Goodwill representative or your supervisor.

Hi!

嗨

Hola!

NOVEMBER 2024



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Paydays

November
8 & 22



Thanksgiving

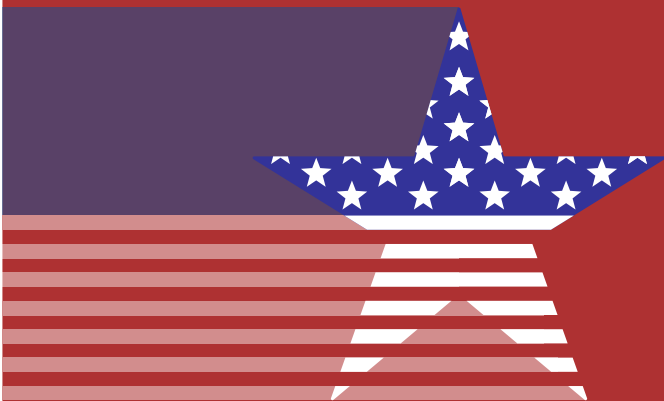
All locations closed
Thursday, November 28.

Administration, Career
Academy, Career Center,
and Financial Resilience
offices closed Friday,
November 29.



Veterans Day

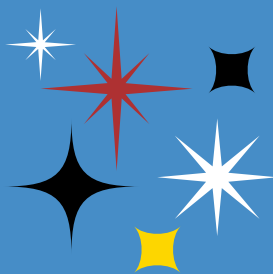
November 11



Holiday Luncheon

December
20

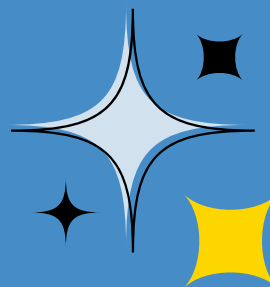




QUARTERLY STAR AWARD WINNERS

Goodwill

Industries of Tulsa



WHAT THEIR PEERS SAY



Customer Service:
Cheryl Mullins
Vocational Services



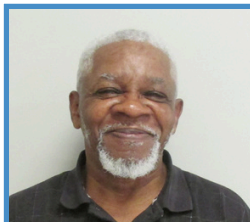
"Cheryl provides support with kindness and grace. Her support has helped our donation enclaves stay open, which has reduced the stress on other team members. I feel fortunate to have her as an integral part of our team."



Cheerleader:
Denise Cantrell
Administration



"She cares deeply about the well-being of her colleagues, always showing empathy and offering support whenever it's needed. Denise consistently puts the team's goals above her own, ensuring that the collective success of the group is prioritized."



Essence:
Arthur Boyd Sr.
Janitorial



"Arthur is known for his positive attitude and willingness to help others. He always greets staff and visitors with a smile, contributing to a positive atmosphere within the workplace. His professionalism and genuine passion for his work have earned him the respect of everyone interacting with him."



Team Player:
Katy Long-Knight
Financial Resilience



"During the weekly FEC team meetings, she is happy to participate, give her input, and ask questions. Katy has really helped make the weekly meetings more impactful for the entire group. She asks her manager on a weekly basis, 'How can I do more to support the team?'"



Extra Mile:
Scott Lynch
Maintenance



"Scott embodies hard work, perseverance, and pride. The impact of his contributions is seen and appreciated by everyone who enjoys the well-maintained outdoor spaces of our Goodwill."

Got a STAR in your department? It's time to give them the recognition they deserve!
Nominate them for the Annual STAR Awards – nominations are open November 18–22.
Connect with your supervisor or a leadership team member to get your STAR in the running.
Winners will be revealed at our Holiday Luncheon on December 20!
Quarterly STAR winners and nominees are automatically entered.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Thanksgiving Edition



Christian Ministers Alliance, Tulsa, OK

- Serving: the following counties: Creek, Okmulgee, Osage, Rogers, Tulsa, & Wagoner
- Program: Thanksgiving baskets for families
- Date: Fri (11/22) 6 p.m., pick up location: McLain High School, 4929 N. Peoria Ave., Tulsa
- Eligibility: Application required for Thanksgiving Basket.
 - Eligible Families: Families of students attending Tulsa Public Schools, Union Public Schools, Bixby Public Schools, Owasso Public Schools, Broken Arrow, and Sand Springs Schools can register by contacting their school's counselors or school-based social worker.
 - For Families Not in School District: Call Monday (11/11) through Friday (11/15) from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. only.

Arms Around BA Thanksgiving Event 2024

- Serving: Broken Arrow
- Program: Collecting and distributing Thanksgiving basket items
- Date: Mid-November (exact date announced closer to the event)
- More info: ArmsAroundBA.org

Mercy Mission II

- Serving: Glenpool
- Program: Collecting and distributing items for Thanksgiving baskets
- More info:
 - Phone: (918) 694-3840
 - Email: gayla@mercymission2.org

Owasso Community Resources

- Serving: Owasso, Collinsville, and Sperry
- Programs:
 - Thanksgiving Basket: Contains food items for a traditional Thanksgiving meal plus a \$25 gift card for meat of choice. Pick up on Monday, Nov. 25.
 - Christmas Giving Program: For children 0-18 or disabled adults 65+, provides basic clothing items and two gifts, plus wrapping paper.
- Eligibility: Must reside in the Owasso, Collinsville, or Sperry School Districts and meet eligibility requirements.
- More info: OwassoHelps.org/Holiday-Program-Registration/

First Baptist Owasso

- Serving: Owasso
- Program: Friendsgiving Event
- Date: Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Location: Owasso Campus, 13307 E 96th Street North, Owasso, OK 70455
- Eligibility: Free event with food, friends, and fun. Check-in at the Terminal (north parking lot) at 6:30 p.m.
- More info: FBCOwasso.ChurchCenter.com/

Washington County Sheriff's Office

- Serving: Washington County
- Program: Thanksgiving & Christmas 2024 - Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Eligibility: Children and their families can receive help applying at local schools in Washington County.
- More info: WashingtonCoSheriff.com/news





COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Thanksgiving Edition



Loaves & Fishes

- Serving: Oklahoma
- Program: Provides a turkey along with Thanksgiving food baskets. Limited supply. First come, first served.
- Date: Friday – Saturday (11/22 -11/23) doors open at 10 a.m. until supplies last (150 turkeys per day)
- Location: 11321 E 19th St, Tulsa, OK 74128
- Eligibility: Must provide photo ID and proof of Oklahoma residency.
- More info: LoavesandFishes.net/

Agape Mission – Bartlesville

- Serving: Bartlesville
- Program: Community Thanksgiving Meal
- Event Date: Tuesday (11/26) from 11:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
- Location: 555 S. Cass St., Bartlesville, OK 74003
- More info: AgapeBartlesville.com/

Wagoner Community Outreach

- Serving: Wagoner
- Program: Community Thanksgiving Meal for residents of the City of Wagoner
- Date: Thursday (11/28) from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Location: 700 SW 13th St., Wagoner, OK 74467
- Eligibility: Must provide proof of Wagoner residency and photo ID.
- More info: (918) 485-6830

First Methodist Church– Claremore

- Serving: Rogers County
- Program: Community Thanksgiving Meal
- Date: Thursday (11/28) from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Family Life Center.
- Location: 1615 N. Hwy 88, Claremore, OK 74017
- More info: (918) 341-4580

Skiatook Emergency Assistance Center

- Serving: Avant, Skiatook, & Sperry
- Location: 319 E. Rogers Blvd., Skiatook, OK 74070
- Program: Thanksgiving Food Baskets
- Application Required: Pick up an application during store hours beginning Tuesday, November 5 (11 a.m. - 6 p.m.) Must be returned by November 21.
- Requirements: Must provide proof of residence, photo ID/driver's license, and proof of income.

Salvation Army of Carthage Service Center

- Serving: Dade County and the cities of Arcola, Avilla, Carthage, and Joplin in Missouri.
- Program: Provides food baskets to needy families at Thanksgiving.
- Location: 2307 Missouri Avenue, Carthage, MO 64836
- More info: (417) 358-2262
- Eligibility: Must live in the service area. Picture ID for all adults, Social Security cards for everyone, proof of income, and proof of residence. Must be able to show need.



NOVEMBER 2024

November Anniversaries

Lisa Downing - 11/01/2022
Lester Morris - 11/01/2021
Troy Carr - 11/01/2007
William Barrett - 11/01/2010
Nancy Wallace - 11/01/2007
Randy Putnam - 11/03/1989
Spencer Smith - 11/04/2015

Stephen Naquin - 11/05/2021
Melissa Buckner - 11/05/2015
Tina Maali - 11/06/2020
John McGrew - 11/09/2023
Judy Lamb - 11/09/2009
Ashley Dillon - 11/09/2023
Shelli English - 11/10/2005

Jenna Fogg - 11/13/2023
Carol Clark - 11/16/2023
Josh Maddux - 11/16/2023
Chandra Sallis - 11/17/2022
Kathi Cornell - 11/18/2004
Libby Lyon - 11/23/2020
Ita Troglin - 11/25/2014

Celia Armstrong - 11/28/2022
Debria Laughlin - 11/30/2023
Nathaniel Rickerson - 11/30/2023
Joseph Young - 11/30/2023



December Birthdays

1 - Alvin Davidson
2 - Derico Poland
2 - David Smith
4 - Stephen Almanza
4 - Cody Knight
4 - Tabitha Tewell
5 - Kanoni Slavens
5 - Bryan Weimer
7 - Anthony Antelman
7 - Sheila Farrara
8 - Billy Perkins
9 - Dustin Barton
10 - Keonna Wright
10 - Cindy Macias
11 - Thomas Weber
11 - Adrienne Rogers

12 - Stephan Newman
12 - Bruce Phipps
12 - Masouda Basharat
12 - Michelle Stebleton
12 - Braylea Kuykendall
13 - Tylene Ripp
14 - Walter Clary
14 - Amanda Williams
15 - Aarious Mouton
15 - Nancy Wallace
15 - Madisyn White
15 - Amy Cates
16 - Daisy Mariquin
16 - Olivia Glaub
16 - Maria Socorro
17 - Joshua Shannon

17 - Breanna Brooks
18 - Kenri Karti
18 - Christen Delano
18 - Kirk Hines
19 - Tandra Preece
19 - Rolando Caro
19 - Gayla Ward
19 - Thomas Henderson
20 - Kenneth Harrison
21 - Evelyn Williams
21 - Jimmy Moore
21 - Renee Roy
22 - Colin Boyd
22 - Nicole Greenfield
22 - Kenneth Arnold
23 - Richard Stubblefield

23 - Chiawna Johnson
23 - Frankie Roden
23 - Keliska Vanatta
25 - Debra Pollock
26 - Samuel Henry
27 - Faith Thompson
27 - Lily Richardson
27 - Lorena Lyons
28 - Celia Armstrong
28 - Tammy Carr
29 - Emma Adcock
29 - Craig Byrom
30 - Jason Horath
31 - Leonard Wormser
31 - Dylisia Markham

Happy retirement, Ladaryl!

