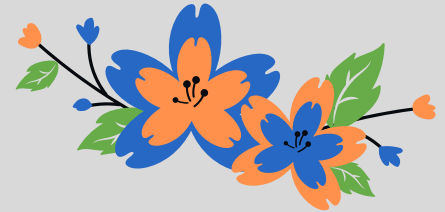


The Goodwill *Grapervine*



Embrace Spring & Make a Difference!



As the world awakens from the cold winter slumber, spring is here to greet us with open arms. This season brings with it a sense of renewal and hope, and at Goodwill, we are excited to embrace this theme of growth and rejuvenation.

With the warmer weather, it's time to start spring cleaning and decluttering our homes. Donating items you no longer need to Goodwill Industries of Mississippi is a great way to give back to your community while also creating space in your home for new beginnings. As you clean out your closet, remember that your gently used clothing and household items can make a difference in the lives of others.

NOW OPEN: GOODWILL IN GREENVILLE!



We are thrilled to announce the opening of Goodwill Industries of Mississippi's new store in Greenville, MS! This location offers the Delta a convenient retail store to shop for unique finds, clothing, and household items while also supporting our mission of empowering individuals through employment.

In addition to our wide selection of clothing and household goods, the Greenville Goodwill store has a drive thru donation center, making it easy for our donors to give back to their community. Also, this location features a Goodwill Career Center, which delivers cutting edge virtual reality vocational training.

We are proud to be a part of the Delta and to continue our mission of assisting people with disabilities and other barriers to obtain employment!



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO...

Brad Steffani



Spring is a season of renewal, and I am excited to share with you some of the positive happenings at Goodwill Industries of Mississippi.

I am thrilled to announce the opening of our new Goodwill Retail Store, Career Center, & Drive Thru Donation Center in Greenville, MS. This new store offers the Delta a convenient location for our community to shop and donate, while also supporting our mission!

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In March our Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services (GIVS) auxiliary group held their 35th Annual Goodwill Art Show. This fantastic event featured the art work of local artists from differing backgrounds and allowed the public to purchase the art for themselves, with all funds raised going back to the mission of Goodwill!

Also, our Goodwill Ambassador Program kicked off 2023 in March with a great event at Trustmark Park. We will grow this program as we continue in the year to help spread the mission of Goodwill in the communities we serve.

As we embrace the theme of renewal and growth this spring, I am excited to see what the future holds for Goodwill of Mississippi. With your support, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Goodwill of Mississippi Locations

Byram Retail Store
5764 Terry Road
Byram, MS 39272
(601) 882-5152

Hattiesburg Retail Store
5916 HWY 49
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
(601) 605-0948

Centre Steet Outlet Store
863 Centre St
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(601) 991-9299

Hwy 51 Retail Store
637C HWY 51 N
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(601) 605-0948

Clinton Retail Store & E-Commerce
941 HWY 80 E
Clinton, MS 39056
(601) 708-1797

Jacksonian Retail Store
4950 I55 N
Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 982-4324

Crossgates Retail Store
5708 HWY 80 E
Pearl, MS 39208
(601) 664-3424

Reservoir Attended Donation Center
1923 Spillway Rd
Brandon, MS 39047
(601) 853-8110

Greenville Retail Store
1662 Martin Luther Kind Jr Blvd S
Greenville, MS 38703
(662) 634-4343

Goodwill Administration Office
104 East State Street
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(601) 853-8110

ART WITH HEART: GIVS HOSTS 35TH ANNUAL GOODWILL ART SHOW



The 35th Annual GIVS Goodwill Art Show Awards Ceremony and art exhibit, hosted by the Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services (GIVS), was a resounding success. Held on April 26, 2023, at the Jackson Prep Centre for Arts & Leadership, the event featured over 40 pieces of wonderful art that were available for viewing and purchase. All funds raised at this event go back to support the mission of Goodwill. The 2023 art participants were awarded a participation certificate, and art category winners were announced.

Goodwill Industries of Mississippi would like to express a heartfelt thank you to GIVS for their unwavering support. Without the dedication and hard work of these volunteers, this event would not be possible. Also, a big thank you goes to all the artists who participated in the show, as well as everyone who came out to view the artwork and support the mission of Goodwill!

WELCOME TO THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TEAM!

Jasmyne Barnes



Goodwill of Mississippi welcomes Jasmyne Barnes and Kathy Bowman, our newest Program Managers, to the Workforce Development Department!

"I returned to Goodwill Industries of Mississippi in 2020 as the Store Manager of the Hattiesburg Retail Store. Since that time, I have been able to gain more knowledge about the organization and have received a nationally recognized certification for Customer Service & Sales from Goodwill of Mississippi. Recently I was asked to join the Workforce Development Team.

Goodwill is a place that gives second chances - and for some, first chances. That's what led me to Mission Services. It's a passion of mine to help people and to let others know about the mission of Goodwill. Coming back to Goodwill has been a GREAT DECISION!"

Kathy Bowman



"After a long absence of 9 years in retirement, I am so pleased to be affiliated with Goodwill Industries of Mississippi. It is a pleasure to work again with persons with disabilities in their quest to increase their skills and to experience training for eventual placement into gainful employment.

Goodwill is not only an invaluable opportunity for the disabled population, it is a much-needed source for retail in our community, for contributions to our tax base, for employment opportunities for our citizens, and training for persons with barriers to gainful employment."

GOODWILL GOES TO BAT: TRUSTMARK PARK HOSTS AMBASSADOR KICKOFF EVENT!



Brad Steffani, CEO of Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, is pictured with the first named Ambassadors of 2023 of the Goodwill Ambassador Program. Pictured left to right: Jamie Rasberry, Brad Martin, Nancy Loomer, Brad Steffani, Natalia Trotter

The Goodwill Ambassador Program kicked off 2023 at Trustmark Park, and it was a huge success! The themed event, "Brews, Brisket, & the Braves", was a fun-filled evening that brought together Goodwill supporters, employees, and volunteers.

Attendees were greeted by "Diddly", The Mississippi Braves mascot, who added a playful touch to the event, and included delicious brisket cooked by our own personal chef and CEO, Brad Steffani. Also, Goodwill Mission Moment stories were shared, which provided attendees with a deeper understanding of Goodwill's mission and the impact it has on the communities it serves.

The Goodwill Ambassador Program is a unique opportunity for community members to become involved in Goodwill's mission. Ambassadors act as Goodwill advocates, spreading awareness of the organization's work in the community and encouraging others to get involved. The program provides training, networking opportunities, and the chance to make a real difference in people's lives.

A big thank you goes to The Mississippi Braves for sponsoring the event, and to everyone who attended! We look forward to continuing to work with our community partners to make a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

For more information about the Goodwill Ambassador Program, please reach out to Roy Johns at rjohns@goodwillms.org!



EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to these employees on being named Employee of the Quarter! They exemplify a strong work ethic and commitment to the mission of Goodwill.



Margaret Rushing
Byram Retail Store



Curtis Cooksey
Centre St Outlet Store



Craig Stevens
Crossgates Retail Store



Jabarius Johnson
Clinton Retail Store



Brenda Bruessard
Greenville Retail Store



Eddie Edwards
Hattiesburg Retail Store



Elizabeth Weir
Jacksonian Retail Store



Deloris Glover
51 Place Retail Store



Noah Hardin
Administration

Goodwill 

BookWorks

READY, SET, READ!

Goodwill Industries of Mississippi's BookWorks program is designed to instill a love of books in three to five year olds. Studies show that reading is critical in early childhood development and many children do not have the luxury of having books in the home. The ultimate goal of BookWorks is to promote literacy by providing preschoolers with books of their own, help children succeed in tomorrow's workforce, and to support Goodwill Industries of Mississippi by transforming lives through lifelong learning and the power of work.



How You Can Help!



Volunteering as a BookWorks reader or sorter



Hosting a book drive



Donating new or nearly new children's books



Making a designated donation to "BookWorks" that can be used to purchase books

For more information on how you can be a part of Goodwill's BookWork's program, please reach out to Tammy Louvier, Volunteer Coordinator, at tlouvier@goodwillms.org or 601-594-9292.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Goodwill Industries of Mississippi's Recently Hired & Promoted Managers!

Store Managers

Assistant Managers



Alex Damico
Byram Retail Store



Roy Elliot
Clinton Retail Store



Daisy Sawyer
Clinton Retail Store



Kimberly Watson
Greenville Retail Store



Brian Keys
Hattiesburg Retail Store



Toya Goodman
Greenville Retail Store



Latoya Royal
51 Place Retail Store

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The Goodwill

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