



The Goodwill UPDATE

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DID YOU HEAR?

Austintown store & donation center has relocated!

We've moved to **6009 Mahoning Avenue** (near Walmart)! The new donation center is open Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The retail store is **opening very soon!** Visit our website and Facebook page for updates.



GOODWILL EXPERIENCES SUCCESSFUL OPENING IN GREENVILLE



25 Williamson Road | Greenville, PA

This spring, Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries celebrated the opening of its tenth store and donation center, located at 25 Williamson Road in Greenville, PA, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The store experienced Youngstown Goodwill's most successful opening weekend in recent history.

"We are so humbled by the warm welcome we have received," said Mark Goloja, Youngstown Area Goodwill CEO.

"We appreciate the support that both the Greenville community and our customers have shown us."

The location boasts 20,000 square feet of space, making it one of the largest in the Goodwill Youngstown network, and features a large selection of merchandise.

Experience the excitement by visiting the new store Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

THE FACES OF YOUNGSTOWN GOODWILL

Meet some of our team members!



Sarahy



Sarahy has a deep-rooted history in Goodwill. More than 20 years ago, she worked at a California Goodwill before relocating to the Youngstown area. Then, around 16

years ago, she completed a program through Youngstown Goodwill to help train and prepare her for employment. At the end of 2020, Sarahy came back to our organization for a job in sorting and textiles. She has since become known for her keen eye for clothing and willingness to always lend a helping hand. "I'm eager to work and really enjoy the environment and people." Sarahy looks forward to enrolling in additional training opportunities that Goodwill offers.



Josh



After completing outside training and job coaching, Josh had built up his confidence and was ready to find a job. He joined the Goodwill team as a Book Scanner in 2018 and, a few months

later, started working in his current role as an E-commerce Clerk. Josh helps the department in many areas and says the coolest item he ever listed was a vintage Marvel comic book. Josh really enjoys his job, but says his favorite part about working at Goodwill is inspiring others to be confident in themselves. "I am happy I can help people like myself get a job."



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CUSTOMER HIGHLIGHT: Meet Rebecca Banks!

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Rebecca [pictured] is dressed head to toe in Goodwill finds.

"It's very budget friendly. I could find presentable attire at a price I could afford."

Now, career-minded, Rebecca has turned to Goodwill as she gets back into the workforce. In addition to interview-ready clothing, she appreciates Goodwill for its other offerings.

"The past couple years, I love what I see Goodwill is doing. The classes, the job fairs, being very welcoming and showing that it's really a community effort. It's a beautiful resource for the community."

Rebecca looks forward to her weekly Goodwill shopping trips, which she calls a "little treat." On top of enjoying the tag sales and Dollar Thursdays, Rebecca described the one aspect she likes most about shopping at Goodwill.

"I love that my purchases support training and resources that can help someone else. That means a lot to me."

Rebecca is grateful to everyone who donates and proud to promote the organization to her friends.



Has Goodwill impacted your life?

Connect with us on social media to share your story with us!



SHOP WITH US! Find great items at great prices and give back to your community. Your purchases help support job training and employment opportunities for individuals with barriers in your community.

Get even better deals on your favorite donated finds with our special daily discounts, like the following:

Military Monday - Veterans and active military receive 20% off their entire purchase of donated items, with valid military ID.

Senior Tuesday - Individuals, aged 55 years and older, receive 20% off their entire purchase of donated items, with valid ID.

Student Wednesday - Students receive 20% off their entire purchase of donated items, with valid student ID.

Dollar Thursday - All merchandise with the weekly tag color goes on sale for \$1.



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Youngstown Radio Reading Service celebrates 45 years



The Youngstown Radio Reading Service, a department of Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries, celebrates 45 years of broadcasting. YRRS, which began broadcasting on May 28, 1976, is a special non-profit radio station dedicated to providing independent access to information for people who are blind or print impaired.

YRRS commemorated the milestone with a series of anniversary programs that aired every Tuesday in June. These half-hour shows featured volunteers, longtime listeners and former employees, who discussed the history of Radio Reading, individual experiences and memories. Each episode is now available on Goodwill's website.

"I feel very fortunate to be a part of this anniversary celebration, and I look forward to continuing to help provide important information to our listeners," said Mike Muder, Youngstown Radio Reading Service Coordinator at Goodwill.

YRRS operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, airing a variety of original interview shows and special-interest programs on top of content from newspapers, magazines and books, read by volunteers.

"Our volunteers are amazing," Muder noted. "Their dedication and belief in our mission has always been evident, and they continue to show what a special group they are."

Originally part of the Youngstown Society for the Blind and Disabled, YRRS operated for two years on the Youngstown State University campus before moving to studios at YSBD in 1978. When YSBD closed in 1992, YRRS moved to its current location at Youngstown Goodwill's corporate offices on Belmont Avenue, where it became part of Goodwill's mission services and created job opportunities for individuals who are visually impaired.

Since then, YRRS achieved a series of upgrades, including the launch of a digital automation system, equipment improvements, recording studio renovations and the launch of its online stream and Amazon Alexa skill.

"I often think of all the time and hard work from so many great people over the years that went in to making YRRS what it is today," Muder reflected. "It is a great honor for me to be part of the service and help continue the mission of Goodwill and Radio Reading."

Operating on the SCA channel of WYSU-FM, YRRS is available on specially tuned radios provided free to listeners, streaming online on the Goodwill website at www.goodwillyoungstown.org and can also be accessed on Amazon Alexa by using the skill name "Goodwill Youngstown Radio."



INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING YRRS?

Donation and sponsorship opportunities are available! Thanks to the support of people like you, Radio Reading is able to carry out its vital mission of providing independent access to information for blind and print impaired individuals in our community. To learn more, visit goodwillyoungstown.org/rrsponsors.



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