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GOODWILL ANNOUNCES PLANS TO OPEN NEW LOCATION IN NILES IN 2023



We have some exciting news! After a diligent search, we are pleased to announce that we have found our next location in Niles, Ohio. We will be moving into Pine Tree

Plaza, at **56 Youngstown Warren Road**, and are eager to become part of the Niles community.

The decision was made this fall, and we still have work to do. We plan to be open sometime in early 2023. We will use this time to make improvements to the space and get it ready for our customers and donors.

Although this is our next stop, we look forward to learning more about all of the communities we serve and finding locations that are accessible to the people in them.

We appreciate everyone's patience and support and hope you are as excited as we are. Niles, we are so happy to be here and cannot wait to meet you! You can follow our social media pages to stay updated on Niles news and announcements.

Pop Up Shop

THE
juniorgroup
OF YOUNGSTOWN AREA GOODWILL INDUSTRIES



SAVE THE DATE

POP-UP SHOP
WARREN LOCATION
2083 ELM ROAD NE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
12 P.M. - 5 P.M.

We've teamed up with The Junior Group of Youngstown Goodwill to bring fun pop-up shops to our stores. Over the past couple months, we've held these sales at various locations and are excited to continue offering these to the community.

Customers can shop name-brand shoes, clothing, purses, jewelry and more!

Follow us on social media and visit our website for announcements on the times and places of our upcoming pop-up shop!

Vision Screening Program

Did you know that throughout Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, Youngstown Area Goodwill offers a program where trained volunteers screen preschool children for signs of possible vision disorders?

Since September of 2022,
we have screened more than
950 children.

If you are interested in learning more about this program or how to become a certified volunteer, please call 330-759-7921.

Thank you to all of our
volunteers and participants!

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We are excited to announce that we've launched our new website! The goal of this project was to establish a more user-friendly page to direct our customers, clients and partners. The site will be continuously updated, as we want it to serve as a great resource for the community to learn more about who we are, what we do and how we help. You can access the site at the same URL, goodwillyoungstown.org.

White Cane Day at Goodwill



Have you heard of White Cane Day? It's celebrated every year on October 15.

The white cane is an essential mobility tool for those with blindness or visual impairment. It helps those who use it to navigate safely and also symbolizes their ability to live independent lives.

We would like to thank our Youngstown Radio Reading team, volunteers and donors for their help in providing independent access to news and other special interest programs to people experiencing visual impairment across our communities and beyond.

Vision Support Group: SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT



PICTURED: Speakers, Deborah Kogler (Founder and President) and Jeffrey (Canine Fun Officer) from Magnifiers & More, at our July meeting.

We are proud to bring a support group to the valley for individuals who are visually or print impaired. We strive to offer valuable support and provide a connection to resources that can help improve lives.

At these meetings, we've received help from many amazing guest speakers, who have done a fantastic job of informing attendees about relevant community resources, and we are thankful for everyone who has supported this initiative.

2023 SPRING VIP VISION SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

Meetings will be held at Youngstown Goodwill's main office, 2747 Belmont Avenue.

- JANUARY 19
- FEBRUARY 16
- MARCH 16
- APRIL 20
- MAY 18
- JUNE 15

Can't make it? You can join in remotely! Contact us for a number to call in.



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THE FACES OF YOUNGSTOWN GOODWILL

Learn more about some of the team members who make Goodwill great!



Meet William! Known by many around Goodwill as Mr. Crockett, William joined our organization as a baler in August of 2021. He quickly learned the ropes and became an important part of the team and, over time, helped train new team members on the role. William explained he loves learning new things and growing as a person, and this led him to transition to our e-commerce department in March. There, he has worked on many assignments to assist our online stores, mainly focusing on scanning books.

William was born and raised in Youngstown, and his community-mindedness is one of the aspects that draws him to working at Goodwill. "I am able to utilize the skills I need to make sure I am an asset to not only Goodwill, but the community as a whole."

William said the Goodwill staff is wonderful and helps him recognize his own abilities.

"The managers show concern for me and notice my effort and help in ways that see my potential."



Meet Tammy! Tammy is a Youngstown native and has been a sorter with us for the past two years. At the time, she was looking to rejoin the workforce and found the perfect job opportunity with Goodwill. Tammy joined the organization, helping to sort through donations, quality check items and separate merchandise based on department. She said she enjoys working at Goodwill and has learned more about clothing brands and how to recognize quality items. "It's a nice place to work," she said. "They work with you and help people with disabilities."

When asked what her favorite part of the job was, Tammy quickly responded, "My team."

"The thing that keeps me coming back here is the people," she added. "The people are very friendly, and I've gained a lot of friends."

Meet Otho Mae! Also known as Ms. O, she joined Goodwill when the Society of the Blind closed in 1992. She became part of our contract services team and worked to become the department supervisor. She handled quality control, helped train co-workers and managed the services. After contracts, she stayed with Goodwill and transferred to our textiles department.

While Ms. O continues to work in textiles, a few years ago, our Missions department asked her to also join the Radio Reading team. Ms. O says she loves working in Radio Reading and loves that every day is a new challenge. Her favorite aspect is working closely with our volunteers.

In addition these roles, Ms. O also works as a phone receptionist for Goodwill. As she continues to learn in all of her positions, one thing has remained a constant: she has worked with individuals who are visually impaired for more than 30 years.

She encourages anyone struggling with their vision to find a volunteer opportunity, job or hobby. "Although you have lost your sight, there is something out there for you to do to make you feel independent and useful. Keep pushing," she said.



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Happy Holidays!



We hope you are enjoying a happy and healthy holiday season! We are so thankful for your support over the past year. We are excited for 2023 and wish everyone a prosperous year ahead.

Together as a team, we celebrated with a holiday luncheon, put together by the Junior Group. It was a cheerful time, with delicious food and camaraderie. We appreciate all the time and thought the Junior Group put into making this special!



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