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With over 1200 employees, annual revenues of more than \$50 million, and a service area that spans eight Pennsylvania counties – Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland – Goodwill of SWPA ranks as one of the largest Goodwill organizations in the U.S. It currently operates more than 30 Goodwill stores and several other nonprofit businesses.

The agency’s affiliate units include Goodwill of Fayette County, Goodwill of North Central West Virginia (Barbour, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Taylor and Upshur counties), Goodwill Commercial Services, Inc., Goodwill Residential Services, Inc., and Northside Common Ministries.



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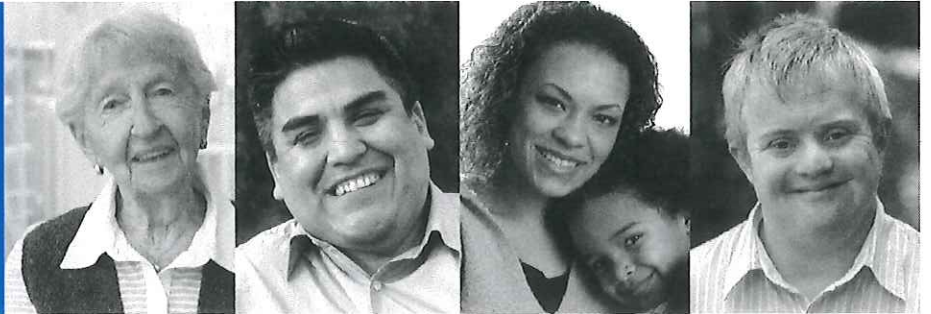
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Welcome to Goodwill

Programs & Services



Goodwill builds strong families and vibrant communities through its services. We serve people who have disabilities, those who lack education or job experience, those with limited financial means, people with criminal backgrounds, veterans, youth and other vulnerable populations.

Community Support Services strive to meet basic needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter. Other supports include free tax prep, budgeting, and benefits counseling.

Disability Services provide opportunities for individuals to gain skills, volunteer, train for work, and obtain employment in the community.

Education and Testing Services provide individuals with preparation for high school equivalency tests, English as a second language, and basic computer workshops.

Reintegration Services address the various barriers of individuals who have a criminal background.

Supportive Housing helps individuals and families who are homeless transition to permanent housing.

Transition Services prepare high school youth with disabilities for the workforce.

Workforce Development and Placement Services provide job search support to individuals including veterans, those on public benefits, and social security recipients.

Youth Services provide youth with training, mentoring, job-shadowing, and summer employment opportunities.

Call 1-877-GW-WELCOME to learn more.



Bring your unwanted televisions, computers, printers, monitors, air conditioners, microwaves, dehumidifiers, cell phones and other small electronics to the Fayette County Fairgrounds

August 26, 2017

9 AM-1 PM

Visit

<http://www.ecsr.net>

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9AM-2PM ELECTRONICS WASTE COLLECTION

Aug 26, 2017 from 9 AM-1 PM Fayette County Recycling is partnering with ECS&R to hold an E-waste Collection Event Fayette County Fairgrounds 132 Pechin Road, Dunbar PA.

The cost will be:

Televisions, Computers, Printers, Monitors \$0.75 per pound

Air conditioner, microwaves, dehumidifiers etc.\$0.83 per pound

Mobile phones and other small electronics \$0.55 per pound

To Pre-Register for the Event at Fayette County Fairgrounds

**132 Pechin Road
Dunbar PA 15431**

FAYETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

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Uniontown Pa 15401
(724)430-1210
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Our Mission

Goodwill Renews!

We reuse and recycle your donations to help us improve job and educational skills, careers and lives. Our well known stores, which are vitally important, are just part of the big picture. Goodwill is a widely recognized leader and community partner in helping people gain the many benefits of work to improve their quality of life.

With the financial support of our stores and other funding sources, we provide expert services to help people overcome physical, mental, educational, social and economic barriers that stand between them and having a meaningful job. In everything we do, Goodwill renews!

Mission

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Vision

The vision of Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania is to be the region's premier human service organization offering exceptional services. We will be satisfied only when all persons have the opportunity to achieve success in their pursuit of meaningful work or other quality of life experiences.

Values

Six key values are the foundation of Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania and of our identity as a human service agency – Meaningful Work, Customer Service, Diversity, Responsibility, Empowerment, and Excellence. In all we do and strive to accomplish, we build upon these values as individuals and as an organization to help us fulfill our mission and attain our vision.

2016 Service Results

In 2016, Goodwill SWPA placed 870 individuals in unsubsidized employment, creating over \$2.1 million in economic impact for Pennsylvania.

Programs & Services for Clients

Goodwill provides a broad array of employment-related education and workforce development services for people with barriers to employment, including individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, displaced workers, participants in welfare-to-work programs, people who are homeless, have limited work experience or education, job skills or training, veterans, youth and older workers, and people with criminal backgrounds.

Goodwill Stores and Businesses

Goodwill operates more than 30 thrift stores selling donated clothing and housewares to help fund its programs and services. In addition, it operates several other nonprofit businesses, a major recycling center, computer stores, and Mission Logistics, a fair profit transportation company.

Help Goodwill Help Others

Over 90 percent of every dollar contributed to Goodwill goes directly to support programs and services to help people with barriers to employment. Learn how you can give at www.goodwillswpa.org/donate-money.



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Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania: Your Community Recycling Partner

Partner with Goodwill!

Goodwill is making an open call to all municipalities in Fayette County to serve as your community recycling solution.

We are equipped to handle everything from curb-side recycling to providing a mechanism for recycling (i.e. you deliver to us) and everything in between.

Additionally, when you partner with Goodwill, any facility supported by tax dollars in your community (municipal buildings, schools, county facilities) will be serviced at no charge.

About Goodwill's Recycling Center in Fayette County:

Goodwill's Recycling Center has processed more than 100 million pounds of recyclable materials since 1997, including aluminum cans, tin cans, glass, plastic, cardboard, newspaper and, high-grade office paper.

Keeping with Goodwill's mission, the Center provides employment and training opportunities for more than thirty workers, including many who are disabled or disadvantaged, while helping Fayette County meet its state mandates for recycling and helping to preserve its environment.

The Recycling Center is located at 5 Romeo Lane, Uniontown, PA 15401.

If you are interested in partnering with Goodwill, contact:

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Did you know?

Recycling one aluminum can saves as much electricity as it takes to run a television set for four hours.

Every ton of glass recycled saves the equivalent of nine gallons of fuel oil.

Recycling saves energy - 95% savings for aluminum, 45% savings for glass.

Glass can be recycled forever without loss in quality to the new containers being manufactured.

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