

Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois



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Mission

Supporting individuals and families who are working to better their lives.

Upcoming Events

Reception of Honor

October 4, 2017

Reception of Honor is part of Goodwill's Patriot Weekend. The evening celebrates our veterans and the people who support them. Awards are presented to veterans, businesses, civilians and active military members, with the common thread of giving back to those who have served.

Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

October 7, 2017

This event provides homeless veterans with much needed resources and support. Veterans receive food, winter clothing, hygiene products and the opportunity for a hot shower and a haircut. They also receive information and support on topics such as veterans' benefits, mental health, maintaining sobriety, and legal and medical issues.

How to Help

Donate clothing and housewares at any of our 11 stores or two donation centers.



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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

This program offers assistance in finding employment. Participants have access to job fairs and hiring events, coordinated by Goodwill. They also receive a skills assessment, instruction on how to perform a successful job search, people skills training, assistance in creating a resume and cover letter, and mock interview training. In addition, they are offered classes in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint, Internet use and email basics.

VETERANS SERVICES

The goal of this program is to assist veterans in finding employment and reintegrating them into our community. Everything offered in the Employment Services program is available to our veterans, along with support to overcome any barriers to employment. Through Goodwill's network of social service partners, veterans have access to physical and mental medical services, legal services, and assistance with food, clothing, transportation and much more.

GOODGUIDES YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

This program matches youth ages 12 to 17 with a trusted mentor. The relationships provide youth with support and guidance in education, career planning and dealing with all the things

that make growing up a challenge.

GOODWILL YOUTH SERVICES

Goodwill Youth Services offers a look into the future and gives kids an idea of what it takes to work in particular careers. Workshops are held featuring speakers who work in the field, along with activities related to that career. This program also offers the Retail Project. This gives teens a chance to work in a Goodwill store for a week and gain valuable work experience. This work experience may help them get their first job.

FORKLIFT OPERATION CERTIFICATION

Participants in this program can become OSHA-certified to operate a forklift in just one day. The program consists of classroom instruction and hands-on training.

THE GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING HOME FOR VETERANS

The home provides permanent supportive housing for the rehabilitation of honorably discharged male veterans who have been homeless and are dealing with a diagnosed disability. The home is staffed 24/7 with a goal of creating a customized program of services to help these veterans reach their goals and achieve self-sufficiency.

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