

# Goodwill BridgePointe Services

## History

In 1902, Edgar J. Helms, a Methodist minister, founded the first Goodwill in Boston. This was the start of Goodwill Industries International which now includes over 180 Goodwill organizations worldwide.

Goodwill BridgePointe Services, Inc. has been evolving for 80 years. It was 1930 when Helen K. Barth and Rev. William Bartle saw a need in our community and formed Southern Indiana's first Goodwill store, located in downtown New Albany. Years later in 1961, the Jeffersonville Rotary Club spear-headed the opening of the Southeastern Indiana Rehabilitation Center. In 1984, the two agencies merged.

In 2008, the agency adopted the name Goodwill BridgePointe Services, Inc. and "Embraced our Goodwill Roots." The name reflects the growth of the organization and the support that the 11 Goodwill BridgePointe stores provide the organization. Throughout our existence, we have strived to provide vital services to children, adults and our community through the power of donated goods.



## Mission

Serving children, adults and our community through the power of donated goods.



## Clients Served in 2008-09

- **4,979** total clients served
- **172** individuals served through Employment Resources
- **151** individuals served through Family Support Services
- **149** children served through the Children's Learning Center (formerly The Children's Academy)
- **\$57,300** in Goodwill BridgePointe vouchers were distributed to **4,206** individuals and families in crisis situations



## Did You Know...

- **86%** of funding for services comes from our Goodwill BridgePointe stores
- **3.4 million pounds** of items were diverted from local landfills last year through our recycling programs
- Goodwill BridgePointe accepts **donated computers** - any brand, any condition - through the Dell Reconnect program



## Services Offered

**Employment Resources** - Provides job training and placement for adults with disabilities and disadvantages, and aids local employers in finding dependable employees.

**Children's Learning Center (formerly Children's Academy)** - A nationally accredited center for early childhood education for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. The Center serves all children including those with disabilities.

**Goodwill BridgePointe Stores** - 11 Goodwill stores located throughout Southern Indiana provide a convenient place for the community to drop off donations and find great deals for their families.

**Family Support Services** - Assistance to parents and caregivers of children with special needs; includes consultations, care plans, resources and training.

**Recycling** - Each year, millions of pounds of items are diverted from our local landfills. By donating and shopping at Goodwill BridgePointe, the community is participating in one of the largest recycling efforts in Southern Indiana.

**Voucher Program** - A program that distributes vouchers to be used in our stores. Vouchers are given to partner agencies to provide assistance to people in crisis situations.

## Collaborations

**Southern Indiana Rehabilitation Hospital at Goodwill BridgePointe** - Through a partnership with the Southern Indiana Rehabilitation Hospital pediatric therapies are provided including speech, occupational and psychological services.

**Southern Indiana Autism Resource Center** - Operated in partnership with Rauch, Inc. the Center is designed for families of children with Autism, and includes seminars, directory and library, training, and support groups.

## Store & Donation Centers

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|----------------|--------------|
| Bedford        | New Albany   |
| Clarksville    | North Vernon |
| Corydon        | Salem        |
| Floyds Knobs   | Scottsburg   |
| Jeffersonville | Seymour      |
| Madison        |              |



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