

Goodwill is Your One Stop Shop for Fall Fun Essentials

Halloween decorations, warm winter coats, costume essentials... Goodwill is the place to find all you need for the fall season! We've got Halloween merchandise to decorate your office or home. You'll find all you need to get creative with your kid's costume creation. We've also got great deals on winter coats and clothing for the entire family! Visit your local Goodwill -- our deals are so good its scary!

Custom Costume Creations!

Finding your costume at Goodwill is easy! Be creative and you can be anything!

Cowboy -Jeans, plaid shirt, cowboy hat, rope, bandana, boots, toy gun, gloves

Cowgirl - Fringe skirt, vest, bandana, boots, hat, toy gun, glove

Housewife of the past - Nice dress, hose, high heels, pearls, earrings, apron

Cheerleader - short skirt, sweater, tennis shoes and pom-poms

Nurse - Uniform, cap, stethoscope, toy thermometer, white shoes, clipboard

Doctor - Scrubs, stethoscope, cap, shoe covers, bag

Princess - Formal dress, crown, wand, fancy shoes, long white gloves, jewelry

And much more! You'll find the inspiration you need to get creative at Goodwill!

What's Your
Custom Costume
Creation?



Get creative
at Goodwill!

Board of Directors Profile: Fred Horlander, Clark Memorial

Starting September 2008, BridgePointe Services Goodwill will welcome a new Chair to the Board of Directors. Fred Horlander, Vice President Hospital Support Services at Clark Memorial Hospital, has been on BridgePointe's Board for over 9 years and is looking forward to the challenge. Fred was introduced to BridgePointe through the career services program while helping to place BridgePointe clients in jobs at Clark Memorial. As he began to find out more about the mission, he realized that the services BridgePointe provided were vital to Southern Indiana and it was something he wanted to be a part of. As Fred assumes the Board Chair role, he sat down with us for a quick interview on his observations & goals.

What do you enjoy most about serving on BridgePointe's Board of Directors?

The opportunity to provide leadership with many great community leaders to see BridgePointe grow and meet its community need.

As incoming Chair, what are your goals for the upcoming year?

I am excited to grow the business of our Goodwill Stores. I want the community to know that when you make a donation or shop at our stores, you are helping many others in the community.

Describe your working relationship with new CEO Candice Barksdale.

I truly respect Candice for her leadership. Her calm manner in which she deals with issues will keep BridgePointe on an even keel. Candy and I have a similar leadership style and I think we will work very well together.

Why is BridgePointe important to our community?

The Goodwill Stores allow BridgePointe to provide vital services that they would not be able to do without that funding -- it comes full circle. Children and adults with disabilities and disadvantages are served through the generosity of others.

Our Goodwill Stores are known for their unique finds! Do you have a favorite find?

I have found a few unique 45 rpm records but when I come back to buy them, they are already gone! I've learned that shopping at Goodwill truly is a treasure "hunt"!



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*There's a BridgePointe
Goodwill Store Near You!*

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Great Expectations Career Camp is "Magical"

The 7th Annual Great Expectations Youth Career Camp took place July 14-18th at the BridgePointe Center in Clarksville. The theme for the week was "Discover the Magic in You" and incorporated learning into field trips, guest speakers and group activities.

The goals of Great Expectations are to help students with job skills, create and increase knowledge of career paths, observe a variety of jobs and learn what is necessary to obtain and maintain those jobs -- all while having a little fun and meeting new friends!

"This year's camp was without a doubt the best," says camp director Ed Rosen. "This group of campers blended together by lunch of the first day, which typically does not happen. It was clear this group grew significantly, developed strong bonds and got more out of camp than any other group before."

Great Expectation Camper Highlights

- Listened to Matt Cappotelli, former WWE Wrestler, speak on his struggle with cancer
- Watched magic performed by Clark County Judge Ken Abbott
- Volunteered at local social service agencies
- Visited the local Chamber of Commerce
- Went on an application scavenger hunt
- Took a "virtual college road trip"
- Heard from former NBA player, Scooter McCray, on importance of a positive attitude
- Observed "right and wrong" mock interviews
- Participated in fun team building activities



For more information on Great Expectations, contact Camp Director, Ed Rosen, at (812) 283-7908 x121 or by email at erosen@bridgepointe.org.



Thank You to Our Major Camp Donors!

- Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County
- Free Enterprise Systems
- UPS
- Wells Fargo
- Tri Kappa Sorority - New Albany Chapter
- Schuler Bauer
- CD Graphix
- Ivy Tech Community College
- ARC Construction Management
- Clark Memorial Hospital



Serving
Southern Indiana
Since 1930

Letter to the Community

Candice C. Barksdale, CEO



Hello Friends,

In 1930, when BridgePointe Services Goodwill was founded in New Albany, the word "recycling" wasn't even a part of our vocabulary.

However, recycling is exactly what BridgePointe Services Goodwill has been doing these past 78 years. We like to think of Goodwill as the "original green company". We've been about reducing, reusing and recycling since our inception.

Reduce –

We all have items we no longer need. Don't throw those items away to end up in our landfills. Rather, donate them to BridgePointe Services Goodwill.

Reuse –

BridgePointe sells the items you donate in our Goodwill stores. Your unwanted items are given new life; in return the sales of donated goods fund services for children and adults with disabilities and disadvantages.

Recycle –

Items BridgePointe Services Goodwill can not sell are recycled, and the revenue from recycling is also used to fund services for individuals with special needs.

BridgePointe Services Goodwill has embraced going green. As an organization, we recycle cardboard, office paper, newspaper, metals, aluminum, and plastic bottles. We just began recycling cell phones that are donated to us. Coming in the near future, is the ability to recycle donated computers. Revenues from recycling go right back to the community, funding services for people with special needs.

We encourage you to donate your unwanted items to BridgePointe Services Goodwill. By doing so you are reducing what ends up in the landfill thus protecting the environment, you will receive a tax deduction, and most importantly your donations provide funding for vital services to children and adults with disabilities and disadvantages.

Donate to BridgePointe Services Goodwill, the "Original Green Company" – protecting the Southern Indiana environment and providing services to those in need for 78 years.

Candice C. Barksdale

Mark Your Calendar for 2009 Mardi Gras Bash

Planning for the 2009 Mardi Gras Bash is underway! Save the date for February 28th, 2009 for a night full of fun and friends!

The Mardi Gras Bash will be at Huber's Orchard & Winery and will feature a live and silent auction, good food and great music by the Hunt Butler Band!

If your company is interested in sponsoring the Mardi Gras Bash or for ticket information, please call Connie Owens at (812) 283-7908 x107.

All proceeds benefit services to children & adults with disabilities & disadvantages. We look forward to seeing you at the Mardi Gras Bash!

Save the Date!
2009 Mardi Gras Bash
Saturday, February 28th, 2009

Goodwill Stores to Open

This fall, two Goodwill stores are set to open and already customers, donors and employees are looking forward to the new facilities.

In Seymour, the new location at 1857 E. Tipton is scheduled to open in early October. In Clarksville, a date is expected to be set for November.

Donations are needed in order to stock both new stores, so please continue to donate at their current locations at 1021 W. Tipton in Seymour and 706 E. Lewis & Clark Parkway in Clarksville.

Both stores will feature larger shopping areas, fresh new layouts, more convenient donation centers and great bargains, of course! Keep watch for exciting announcements in the near future on the Grand Opening festivities!



Employee Spotlight: Overcoming Unexpected Obstacles



Wherever Ron goes, Eddie follows. Ron, an employee at BridgePointe's Corydon Goodwill store, awoke seven years ago to find that he had lost his vision overnight. His retinas had become detached with no warning and no clear medical explanation.

Over the next few years, Ron went through multiple surgeries with little success and worked hard to rebuild his life. He was matched up with his "soul mate" of sorts, his seeing-eye dog Eddie. He learned braille which became a necessity in order for him to carry out every day activities. Ron is completely blind in one eye and has 20% vision in the other but he doesn't let it stop him from living life, with Eddie a constant by his side.

"Before he started working at BridgePointe Services Goodwill, Ron would ask himself 'Am I ever going to be worth anything again?'," says his wife Barbara, also an employee at the Corydon store. After 30 years as a truck driver, Ron was immediately thrown into a world with unexpected challenges and no job.

Starting out as a volunteer in the Corydon store, Ron eventually asked the manager if he could apply for a full time position. Once on the job, the manager worked with Ron to help him adapt to his surroundings and learn the store in and out. "The management team and other employees have always been so supportive of me and Eddie," says Ron. Eddie has his own bed beside Ron's work station and enjoys being on the job. "He thinks he should be out front greeting the customers," says Ron. "Not back here."

During the store's Kaizen continuous improvement event last year, changes were made to Ron's work area in the processing area to ensure he was able to do his job comfortably. Braille was added to his equipment and Eddie got a permanent spot.



Ron & Eddie work together as a team; greeting donors, accepting donations, pricing items and taking them to the sales floor. Eddie may take the occasional nap but when Ron is on the move, he's never more than a few steps behind.

Everyday, Ron comes to work with a fresh perspective, ready to work toward his goals and displaying an attitude that will melt your heart. And of course it doesn't hurt to have the most popular employee by your side all day.

When asked to describe his job at BridgePointe Services Goodwill and his fellow employees he needed just one word – "family".



October is... **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

America's People, America's Talent...America's Strength!

For more information on, please visit the Office of Disability Employment Policy at <http://www.dol.gov/odep>.

Clothing Giveaway Creates Joy for Over 200 Students

In July, the 2nd Annual Jennings County Back to School Clothing Giveaway allowed over 200 students to pick out outfits for the upcoming school year. The giveaway was headed up by the North Vernon Goodwill store.

The effort was made possible by the commitment and collaboration of several community partners. The organizations devoted many hours to ensuring that clothing was donated, sized, and prepared for the giveaway. Those organizations include: Catch-A-Ride, Coordinating Council, Department of Child Services, Department of Family Resources, First Baptist Church, Hayden Methodist Church, Jennings County United Way, Lowes Distribution Center, North Vernon Police Department, Plain Dealer, Senior Resource Center, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Vincent Jennings Hospital, Wal-Mart and WJCP Radio.

BridgePointe Services Goodwill was honored to partner with such tremendous organizations to make the clothing giveaway a success for a second year. You had to only look upon the happy faces of the children as they selected their outfits, to know what a tremendous difference the giveaway made to them as they headed into another year of learning.

"We are excited to extend the generosity of our donors to those in the community who need it most," says Pam Ramey, Manager of the North Vernon Goodwill.



Mrs. Goodbye Dollhouse Encourages Goodwill Donations

On shelves now is one of the soon-to-be "must have" toys -- and it has major ties to Goodwill. The new Mrs. Goodbye Talking Dollhouse from Caring Corners is the talk of the fast approaching holiday toy buying season. The dollhouse was developed to encourage social responsibility among children and to start their "giving" habits at a young age. Using helpful hints, playful prompts, silly songs, and sound, Mrs. Goodbye Talking Dollhouse nurtures and inspires positive behavior every day. The dollhouse is completely interactive and has over 400 activities, songs and sounds to keep children engaged.

An unique partnership has been developed between Learning Curve, partner company to Caring Corners, and Goodwill Industries International. Children who receive the Mrs. Goodbye dollhouse as a gift are encouraged through included materials to fill up the empty box with items they no longer need or want and donate them to Goodwill. All Goodwills across the nation will be participating in the partnership, including BridgePointe Services Goodwill.

Once the child and parents drop off the box full of items at their local Goodwill, the child will receive a certificate from Caring Corners with a code that will allow them to access a special feature on the Mrs. Goodbye website. The parent, of course, will receive a tax receipt for their donation. The child is also encouraged to take the box home and refill it again and again. The gift of giving is one that should be learned at an early age and with the Mrs. Goodbye/Goodwill partnership, it is the perfect opportunity!

The Mrs. Goodbye Talking Dollhouse is available for sale at most major retailers for \$79.99 with multiple accessory packs also available. Get yours today to experience the wonderful world of Mrs. Goodbye and Goodwill!

