

Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire
Serving Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt & Trinity Counties

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MISSION STATEMENT

Changing lives and strengthening communities through the dignity and power of work!

Donate. Shop. Change a Life!



Interlink Celebrates 12 Years of Service ~ Mary Simmons

ON JULY 11TH INTERLINK CELEBRATED its 12-year anniversary. Claire, our Activities Team Leader, put together a terrific party that was enjoyed by over 100 members! Members from past years, whom we haven't seen for a while, showed up and joined the celebration commemorating 12 years of self-help services to the Mental Health community in Santa Rosa. It was good to hear how well so many were doing and to share stories and memories. Sharon Schmidt, one of Interlink's founders, provided a beautiful cake and shared stories of the history and struggles of the early self-help movement in Sonoma County.

Mark Ihde, our CEO, and other supporters from Goodwill stopped in with watermelon and cake and joined the celebration of Interlink's many successes and the expansion of services in the self-help movement with the opening of the Wellness and Advocacy Center a little over a year ago.



We continued our recognition of Interlink's anniversary at our monthly forum, where the topic was "The Beginnings of Interlink: Told by the People Who Were There." We had three former founders speak and watched a video that was filmed just before Interlink opened its doors in 1996. It was quite interesting to see our space before any furniture and to hear the dreams for Interlink from the Founders themselves on tape.

Book Inspires Donation to Goodwill Clothing Closet ~ Kristi Danz

THE CLOTHES CLOSET, A RESOURCE FOR INTERVIEW APPROPRIATE CLOTHING, WHICH helps clients in Goodwill programs access the clothing they need to look their best when job searching and interviewing, recently received a generous contribution from the Relief Society, the women's organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints which organizes functions to benefit its members and community.



Pictured is Kristi Danz, Employment Services Specialist with some of the over 150 items that were collected and donated.

The Clothes Closet serves to help clients in multiple ways. Situational Assessment participants learn retail skills, such as sorting, assessing clothing condition, hanging and merchandising in a managed environment. The individual's skills are assessed to see how they will function in a real employment situation. This is done at Goodwill retail training centers, as well.

Another benefit to Goodwill clients are the clothes themselves. Interview appropriate clothing for men and women is provided at no cost from these donations. Programs that have access to this resource are SonomaWORKS, Ready to Work, Transitional Age Youth, The Mental Health Cooperative Program, or anyone involved with Goodwill who needs this assistance. For some of our clients this may be their very first interview and having the opportunity to choose an interview outfit helps prepare them for their first step towards employment.

Thank you to everyone at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Relief Society for making your generous donation to

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Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others. ~ Plato ~



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Goodwill... creating hopes, jobs, futures

DONATE and GO DIGITAL!

~ Mary Turner

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

of the Redwood Empire

in partnership with Senator

Patricia Wiggins and Comcast will host a community wide "Donate and Go Digital" event on Saturday, September 20th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Goodwill's administrative offices located at 651 Yolanda Ave. in Santa Rosa. The event is in response to all TV broadcasts converting from analog to digital on February 17, 2009. The event will provide an opportunity to recycle old televisions in an effort to eliminate electronic waste from the landfill and provide conversion assistance. Goodwill will also accept gently used clothing and other household items including printers, monitors, and computers (hard drives will be destroyed), working or not.

In announcing the event partnership, Senator Patricia Wiggins emphasized the many benefits of this collaboration. "This is an excellent example of a government, non-profit and media endeavor where everyone benefits. It provides a convenient disposal resource for our citizens, assists government with their waste diversion responsibilities, gets the word out about digital conversion while providing jobs and supporting the employment programs at Goodwill."

GIRE President & CEO, Mark Ihde, welcomes the opportunity to partner with Senator Patricia Wiggins and Comcast. "Our Goodwill has been recycling used goods for over 30 years. Since the inception of our eWaste recycling program 3 years ago, we have successfully collected and diverted over 1,000,000 pounds of electronic waste from the landfill." This partnership furthers our environmental efforts, while providing communications regarding the digital change and job training opportunities for people with disabilities or other special needs."

Book Inspires Donation (cont.)

our Clothes Closet. The Brush Creek Ward Relief Society recently had an activity where they read the book The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes with the goal of donating 100 dresses/outfits to the Goodwill Clothes Closet.

If you wish to donate professional clothing for men or women to the Goodwill Clothes Closet, please call Peggy Parlee at 523-0550 ext. 281.



Open House at Wellness Center

~ Amy Breckenridge

THE WELLNESS AND ADVOCACY CENTER HOSTED

its second annual Open House on July 10, 2008. It was well attended by over 80 people—including community members and Center Participants. New visitors to the Open House were offered tours and learned about the programs that the Wellness Center offers.

A special feature of the Open House was an Arts Show that featured 23 Center artists, photographers and crafts people. The artists were able to sell or auction their art work to the public. The Art Show was exquisitely presented and organized by our Art Director, Naomi Murakami, who also painted a special window mural to celebrate Wellness.

Visitors to Open House were able to listen to sounds of popular tunes all day with D.J., Matthew Seghezzi. Matthew, who D.J.'s for many important Sonoma county events, generously donated his time and skill to provide excellent music, announcements, and good spirits for the event.

In the late afternoon, we had a small Open Mike performance by a Center singer-songwriter as well as a solo from one of our staff members.

Visitors were treated to a fantastic array of food, organized by Maria Walls, our Resource Coordinator. With efforts from all the staff and Center members, our Open House was again a huge success.

You are cordially invited to

Helping People & Changing Lives

Goodwill is so much more than stores!

Join us for a

FREE 1-Hour Breakfast or Lunch

Learn about **Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire** in Sonoma, Napa, Lake and Mendocino Counties.

(This is not a fundraiser – no one will be asked for money.)

Bring a Friend!

Call Stephanie at 523-0550 to reserve your place.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 ~ 8:00 a. m.

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 ~ Noon

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Goodwill... providing a hand up not a hand out

Steven Ray Pardini ~ 1961- 2008

Goodwill Industries lost a fine employee and good friend to many on July 22, 2008 when Steven Pardini passed away. Steven was born in Healdsburg and had lived in Windsor for over nine years. He grew up in Cloverdale where he was an all-league running back for Cloverdale High School. After working for Reliable Pipe and Valve for 10 years Steven returned to school and earned his Culinary Degree from Santa Rosa Junior College which he put to good use at the Thatcher Inn in Hopland. In November 2007 Steven took a job in the eWaste department of Goodwill Industries. He adapted to the tasks required in the eWaste department and the rest of the warehouse without any problem and proved to be a reliable and hard working employee.

Steven had a quick smile and a sense of humor to match. Each workday morning at Goodwill Industries he arrived early and often shared a cup of coffee and bite of breakfast with other employees. One always had the impression that he was listening and cared about the answer when he asked how you were. Anyone that visited with him knew that he made "world famous spaghetti sauce" that he had promised to share with some of his co-workers. Hopefully the recipe was written down in the cookbook he was working on with his mother, Diane Winsby. Steven was devoted to his family, friends and dogs. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Memorial donations have been made in Steven's memory by Susan & Tom Mullins, William House, and David & Bina Keefer.

Employee of the Quarter ~

Mary Simmons



GEOFF DUE has been working at Interlink for a year and a half. He really is one of a kind. Since starting he has learned just about every aspect of what needs to be done here. Geoff makes sure we have something for our members to eat each morning and that the Center is ready to open. If we are short-handed in any area, Geoff steps up to help. He has become our Resource Specialist by learning about any referrals our members might need for housing, food, clothing, jobs, medical care, or benefits. He is our representative on the Homeless Task Force and has helped many people get off the streets. Geoff is a warm and compassionate person who really cares about people. He keeps himself available for anyone who may need counseling and respects everyone's confidentiality. Geoff's humor is well known and he helps us all keep a perspective on our jobs here. As one of his co-workers said "he brings light to my life in the mornings."

... caring about our environment

Commitment to our Community

Dear Friends,

Did you know that your donation of clothing and household goods reduces your carbon footprint? Every place we turn, people in America and around the World are talking "Green"; Green in terms of recycling, reducing our carbon footprint and reversing global warming. While the emphasis on this movement is relatively new to many of us, Goodwill Industries has been engaged in these practices since its inception in 1902.

Goodwill founder Rev. Edgar Helms began recycling by collecting goods and clothing from wealthier areas of Boston, then training and hiring those who were poor to repair the used goods. The goods were then resold to help those with barriers to employment.

Goodwill continues that philosophy today, and has continued to refine our motto of "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle" to maximize the use of clothing and other goods and minimizing the impacts on our landfills.

In addition to retrofitting to energy efficient lighting, use of GPS to maintain fuel efficiency for our transportation, and locating our facilities on public transportation routes, we have implemented many processes to maximize our recycling efforts. Textiles that do not sell in our stores are recycled to other countries. We sort and recycle metals, cardboard, plastics, leather goods, shoes, and many other commodities to prevent their addition to the landfill.

We continue to collect electronic waste at no charge and facilitate recycling of all the components with certified recyclers in the United States. Since we began this program in 2006, we have diverted over 1,250,000 pounds of e-Waste.

While we are extremely proud of our longstanding recycling efforts, the added benefit is that through these efforts, we are able to enhance our mission of providing job training for persons with employment barriers.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of this effort.

Best Regards,

Mark Ihde
President & CEO



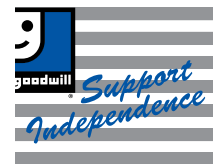
Thank You!...

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

who participated in our "Support Independence Campaign" by purchasing a flag in one of our Goodwill stores.

Your support will help give people with disabilities and other barriers to employment the gift of work!

Congratulations to our basket winner Joan Cuppoletti of Petaluma!



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<i>Santa Rosa</i>	<i>Ph 707.523.0550</i>
<i>Santa Rosa-Job Link</i>	<i>Ph 707.565.5683 Ph 707.565.5667</i>
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<i>Napa County</i>	<i>Ph 707.258.8171</i>

Interlink Self-Help Center

1033 Fourth Street Ph 707.546.4481
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Wellness & Advocacy Center

3400 Chanate Road Ph 707.565.7800
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Retail Store Locations

Outlet Center

651 Yolanda Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Ph 707.523.0550 ext 209

Santa Rosa

3535 Industrial Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Ph 707.545.2492

Rohnert Park

4 Padre Town Center
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
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Santa Rosa, CA 95407
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1683 Imola Avenue W.
River Park Shopping Center
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Attended Donation Centers

Oakmont:

6501 Oakmont Drive

10:00–6:30 Mon–Sun

Santa Rosa:

Sky Hawk Village Market
5755 Mountain Hawk Way

10:00–6:30 Mon–Sun

Coddington Mall

11:00–7:30 Mon–Sun

651 Yolanda Avenue

9:00–5:00 Mon–Sun

Rohnert Park:

Raley's Town Centre

10:00–6:30 Mon–Sun

Petaluma:

Corner of Weller & E. Washington

10:00–6:30 Mon–Sun

Sebastopol:

O'Reilly Media
1005 Gravenstein Hwy N.

10:00–6:30 Mon–Sun

Ukiah:

1255 Airport Park Blvd.

10:00–6:30 Mon–Sun

*Winter Hrs. (Oct-Mar, 9-5)

