

Our Mission: Committed to serving people with disabilities and disadvantages by offering life-changing opportunities to achieve independence.

Mission Moments



Florida Goodwill Association Advocacy at the Capital

Carolyn Johnson, Sr. VP of Mission Services represented Goodwill SWFL in its annual advocacy trip to Tallahassee as part of the Florida Goodwill Association (FGA). FGA is made up of 9 Florida Goodwill organizations that represent different territories of the state. During Florida Goodwill Day in Tallahassee, the FGA promotes awareness of Goodwill's mission and advocates for dollars to be kept in the state budget for workforce development and training.





Opportunity Accelerator Conference in Las Vegas

Carolyn Johnson and Angela Hemstreet, both Goodwill Fellows of the Opportunity Accelerator (OA), join other OA Fellows at a conference hosted by Goodwill of Southern Nevada. The conference focused on best practices for the OA and next steps to move the program forward through the Goodwill network. The OA is a framework of service that will individualize the delivery of digital skills, career training, soft skills attainment, job placement, and follow-up to each job seeker and career advancer through three phases: Assess and Plan, Equip and Connect, and Launch and Evaluate.

Goodwill SWFL Receives CARF Certification

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. just received our CARF International Accreditation Certificate, and now we are accredited through March 31, 2026.

CARF is a highly recognized standard of accreditation that

says we are a provider committed to continually improving services, encouraging feedback, and serving the community through our programs and services and our daily operations as an organization.





Join us for a Private Screening

Join Pathways to
Opportunity, LARC, and
Community Resource
Network for a private
screening of the movie
CHAMPIONS on Saturday,
April 29th at the AMC
Theatre: 15201 N Cleveland
Ave North Fort Myers, FL
33903. Arrive a little early for
photos! Doors will open at
10:30 am and the movie will
start at 11:00 am. To
purchase a ticket please
click here.

For more information about the PTO program or navigation services, contact Jessica Tursi at (239) 995-2106 Ext 2301.

Grants & Financial Gifts

New Partnership!

The League Club awarded \$29,369 to support the Mobile CRC. The Goodwill Mobile Community Resource Center (CRC) provides online services in areas where transportation is a barrier and enables our recruiters to do on-the-spot applications for employment at various community events. Some of the services offered by the Mobile CRC are online application assistance for SNAP, LIHEAP, SBA loans, Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), assistance with navigating the Healthcare Network, free tax filing through VITA, and free digital skills training for those who want to become more independent navigating



online.







President Denise Hadley said, "The heart and soul of The League Club is our Community Involvement Committee. For over 3 decades, the League Club has addressed critical needs of atrisk adults and children in the areas of food scarcity, shelter, education, and the arts through grants to nonprofit agencies in Collier and Lee Counties."

The League Club has supported 182 agencies over the 36 years they have been giving out grants totaling over \$6.5 million dollars. These monies are raised from the League Clubs Annual Fundraiser, Naples Tables, held every spring in Naples.

The League Club, Inc. is a 501 ©(3) organization of women in Southwest Florida strengthening communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism, and philanthropy. The League Club is open to women who have been or are active members of a Junior League that is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International.



United Way Support

United Way of Collier and the Keys awarded \$15,000 to support the Mobile CRC when in Collier County and the Naples Community Resource Center located at 3759 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112.

United Way of Charlotte County awarded us \$44,994 for Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief Support, enabling us to make some repairs to the Punta Gorda store.

From left to right: Angie Matthiessen, Executive Director of United Way of Charlotte County, Carolyn Johnson, Sr.VP of Mission and Development with Goodwill SWFL,

Brenda Perino, Goodwill SWFL Grant Writer.



Donate

Retail News

May 20th VIP Perk Sale 50% off donated



VIP Perk members get a special Pre-Memorial Day Sale on Saturday, May 20th. Take 50% off all donated at Goodwill SWFL retail stores, and 25% off all donated at the blue boutiques (downtown Fort Myers & Ave Maria). Just use your VIP number at checkout to receive the discount.



Sign up for VIP Perks

Celebrate Memorial Day at Goodwill with 50% off all donated! 25% off at the *blue* Boutiques (excluding fine art)





Events

12th Annual Goodwill Golf Classic Fundraiser



Please join us on Thursday, May 4th, 2023 for our 12th annual Goodwill Golf Classic fundraiser May 4, 2023, at the Verandah Country Club. Register today! \$200 per player/ \$700 per foursome, Including 18 holes, cart, and lunch!

If you are interested in being one of our amazing sponsors, contact Rachel Stanborough at (239) 710-1796, or email

rachelstanborough@goodwillswfl.org

Breakthrough Award Ceremony

You are cordially invited to our annual Breakthrough Awards. Join us as we honor our 2022 Breakthrough winners.

- Achiever
- Graduate
- Employer
- Employee
- Business
- Volunteer
- Philanthropist

This year's theme is the Roaring 20's. Come dressed to celebrate breaking through tough times after Hurricane lan. The event is Thursday, May 25th starting at 6pm at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Learn about Goodwill and what we do through the people who make it all possible.



Purchase Tickets

Upcoming Job Fairs

In-Store Goodwill Job Fair

Goodwill is hosting an in-store job fair for sales associates, processors, donation door attendants, and supervisors at our Plantation Goodwill, Wednesday, April 26th from 9 am - 1 pm. We have full-time and part-time opportunities. Join our team and make a difference in our community.

If you can't attend in person, you can apply online at:

Apply Online



Goodwill is hiring! Our recruiters will be at the next Job Fairs sponsored by CareerSource

Come out to the Immokalee CareerSource from 10 am - 2 pm, on April 26th, and the Naples CareerSource from 10 am - 2 pm on May 10th to meet with our recruiters. We are hiring for full and part-time positions for our SWFL retail stores and donation centers.







Financial Literacy Class

We're "Spilling the Tea" on finances and how you can keep out of financial trouble with some basic tips.

Join Goodwill SWFL, Regions Bank, Urban Strategies, and Lee County School District in an evening of financial learning and fun.

Learn basic banking terms, the do's and don'ts of budgeting, saving, credit card management, and more!
Participate in the Reality Check game and test your financial skills! Preregister Now!

https://www.eventcreate.com/e/financialliteracy20

Cape Coral Small Business Class

May 15 - June 22, 2023

Our next Cape Coral small business class begins May 15th at the Public Works Building Community Room located at 815 Nicholas Parkway East.

Learn from industry experts how to best launch your small business idea.

Call today to reserve your seat (239) 995-2106 Ext 2304. Class size is limited.

Register Today!

More Info



Launch Your Own Business

Be Your Own Boss Classes Starting

May 15 - June 22, 2023

Class location: Public Works Building

Public Works Building Community Room 815 Nicholas Parkway East Cape Coral, FL 33990

Class meets Monday and Thursday evenings 6 pm - 9 pm



For more information and to register go to: www.goodwillswfl.org/microenterprise

or click on the QR code or call (239) 995-2106 Ext. 2304

- **Develop a solid plan** to guide your start-up with the assistance of an experienced business coaching team who serves as your coach.
- Hear from subject matter experts in areas of accounting, legal, marketing, insurance and funding.
- An easy to use workbook, used by organzations across America, assists you in transforming your vision into your plan for a successful business launch.

Major Funding Provided: Richard M. Schulze Foundation

Goodwill SWFL MicroEnterprise Institute Program Funders:

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Culinary Arts Certificate Class

May 15th - 25th

Have you ever considered a career in culinary arts? We are hosting a SafeStaff Foodhandler Certificate



Turn Cooking into a Career!

2 Week Culinary Class with a Class Fee of \$25

Earn your SafeStaff Foodhandler Certificate

Class starts May 15-25, 2023 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Daily)



Find application online at:



www.goodwillswfl.org or scan the QR Code or call: or call (239) 995-2106 ext 2304 for more information.

Earn your SafeStaff Foodhandlers Certificate, learn cooking techniques, knife skills, and get ready to land a job as the season approches.

Once completed Goodwill will assist you in finding a JOB!

Classes taught at:
Pine Manor Improvement Association
Culinary Training Kitchen
5547 10th Ave | Fort Myers, FL

LIMITED CLASS SIZE - APPLY TODAY!
Funding by: Goodwill Industries of SWFL

program May 15 - 25th from 9 am - 1 pm at the Pine Manor Culinary Training Kitchen.

Call today to reserve your seat (239) 995-2106 Ext. 2304, or email Sandra Plazas at sandraplazas@goodwill swfl.org.

Charlotte County Social Skills Group

Goodwill SWFL hosts a social skills group for young adults with social skills deficits. This is an opportunity to meet other young adults and work on transitional living skills together, play games, and connect. The group meets at the Charlotte County Goodwill Community Resource Center inside the Kings Highway Goodwill (24123 Peachland Blvd., Port Charlotte).

This group is coordinated by Goodwill SWFL and the SWFL Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD). For more information, email info@goodwillswfl.org



This club is for young adults who need assistance with social skills and transitional living skills.

Participants will meet monthly to share interests, meet others and work on skills to maximize independence.

2nd Thursday of each month

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Community Resource Center

Charlotte County Community Resource Center Located inside the Goodwill Store 24123 Peachland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33954

For more information email info@goodwillswfl.org



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