

9th Annual Golf Classic



Goodwill Southern California



Monday **09.23.13**

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to benefit Goodwill Southern California **Youth Programs**

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11:00am Shotgun
 Mark Walberg
 TV Personality
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Braemar Country Club
 4001 Reseda Blvd.
 Tarzana, CA 91357



Hole-in-One Sponsor



Candice Fedrick

I'm Candice Fedrick and I am 22 years old. I would like to share my story and tell you how Goodwill's youth program has impacted my life.

I come from a family of 8. My mom was a single parent. My role in the family was to clean the house, cook, and take care of the little ones. We were often homeless, slept in cars, or lived in one- bedroom apartments.

My mom was really tough. She told us not to ask for anything, and if you are at someone's house and they offer you food, tell them you're not hungry. She had a crazy husband. He would beat us for no reason. When we got out of line, my mom would beat us with anything she could find...a stick, a pipe...anything.

One day when I was in 3rd grade, Child Protective Services came to the school and picked us up. They separated most of us, but they kept me and a sister together. I went to foster care for around 6 months until we were placed with our aunt for a couple of years. We visited with our mom during that time, but my mom felt my aunt only wanted us for a paycheck. So, my mom did everything she could to get us back home. She went to parenting classes and we went home a couple months after she finished. We stayed in several apartments and moved about every 6 months.

We eventually moved to a house in Riverside, and everything was fine until the landlord lost his house and kicked us out. This is what started our homeless streak. We ended up sleeping in the car. Someone actually tried to steal the car while we were in it! We all laughed about it. We moved to San Bernardino where my mom found a


house. We lived there for a short time before our house caught on fire. After that, we lived in motel after motel. The Red Cross paid for a lot of motels, so we felt like we were doing well. We moved to Mira Loma when I was 13. I did not like living there because there was no one there that looked like me.

My mom left the house one day to get her car fixed, and she left my infant sister with my 5-year-old sister. My sister called the police because my baby sister was crying and she didn't know what to do. My other siblings and I were all at school and when we arrived home, Child Protective Services took us again. CPS split us up, and I went to a foster home for 2 or 3 weeks. After we came home, my mom packed us up and moved us to Victorville.

My mom seemed to be doing a lot better this time. She went to truck driving school. In the process of my mom's schooling my brother threw a gathering at our house. He had alcohol there, and one of the girl's mothers thought that my brother drugged her daughter. CPS came again and took us. My 21-year old sister went to jail at the time and the police called my mom and told her she would get her kids back if she came to the police station. When she got there, they arrested her instead.

A few weeks later, we were reunited. My younger sister and brother became such problem children that my aunt and uncle took both of them in for a while. My younger sister came back pregnant and soon *cover continued on page 2*

Did You Know?



Goodwill Southern California has hundreds of volunteers in action each day, helping to further its mission. They include community service volunteers, AmeriCorps volunteers, and those who volunteer at our WorkSource Centers, retail stores, and special events, to name a few. To offer more to volunteers, Goodwill Southern California is developing a comprehensive volunteer program.

For more information about volunteering opportunities, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Rebecca Shanks, at (323) 223-1211 ext. 2309 or at volunteer@goodwillsocal.org.


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after that, I became pregnant by a close friend. My mother disliked him, so she abused me mentally and physically throughout my pregnancy to where I didn't want my daughter anymore. Around 8 months of my pregnancy, my child's father became very abusive and controlling. I moved out, lived in my car, and moved on. Things got really hard by myself, and I missed having family around, so I moved back home and finished high school.

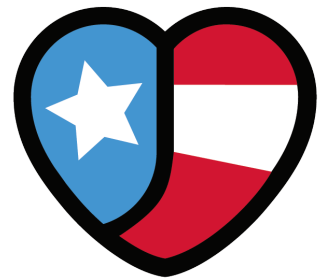
I wanted to go to college, but I didn't have the money. I was looking for a job and I heard about a job fair at Goodwill from my sister. When I was there, Alaina (Goodwill staff person) told us about a new youth program, serving 17-21 year olds, in Victorville. I showed up at her office later that day because I was really motivated to get a job.

Throughout the Goodwill Youth program, I could see how my skills were being built. I learned how to dress professionally, how to talk to people, and how to build my resumé. I want to be a registered nurse, but I didn't have the money. Goodwill paid for me to go to Certified Nursing Program training, which will help me get on the career path that will lead me to being a registered nurse one day.

In addition, I was able to meet a lot of young people like myself. I got to see us all grow together in a positive way. It was a tough class. We would talk about dropping out, but all we could think about was Alaina saying, "Are you serious!" I told the other students that Alaina would come to your door if you don't answer her calls. She would study with us and stay late at work when we needed her. We stuck through the class and we all passed the CNA state exam with a perfect score of 100%!!

Right now, I'm looking for a job as a CNA. It's hard for me because my public assistance worker wants me to volunteer 20 hours a week; I'm a single mom, and I'm job searching in my free time. My mom moved to Texas and left my younger siblings with me last November, so I am raising my two sisters aged 14 and 16, plus my 3-year-old daughter. I'm going to make it because I know I always have Alaina's (and Goodwill's) support and I know that I'm equipped with the skills I need to find and keep a job.

Candice is now employed part-time with Licensed Care Givers.



Goodwill Gala for Heroes

2013: A Salute to Our Veterans and Military Members

Saturday, November 16 ★ Hyatt Regency Century Plaza

This November, Goodwill Southern California will inaugurate an annual fundraising gala to honor and celebrate local heroes. The first annual Goodwill Gala for Heroes will salute veterans, including high profile community members and individuals from Entertainment and Business, who are either veterans themselves, or, have made significant contributions to advancing the veteran community.

All of the proceeds from the 2013 Gala will help fund and advance Goodwill Southern California's no cost employment programs and services for veterans.



Acclaimed film and television star Gary Sinise will be among those honored for his work in support of veterans and their families. His band, the Lt. Dan Band, will also perform live at the event.

For Sponsorship Opportunities Please Contact
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President's Message *Craig Pruitt*

These vital programs make it possible for us to help a struggling teen mother in Riverside finish high school, a young man on probation in Palmdale train for and secure sustainable employment, or a promising student in South Los Angeles take the SAT and enroll in college.

It's fitting that the focus of our summer newsletter is "Youth". I don't mean the cosmetic notion of youth, but rather, the young men and women Goodwill serves. Wasn't it just yesterday that the summer signaled a break for most of us – from school, from responsibility, from worry? And yet, despite all the modern conveniences, gadgets and luxuries our youth have access to today, they hardly get a break. Failing schools, poverty, crime, unemployment, single parent families and homelessness challenge our youth and threaten their future every day – no breaks in summer. When our youth are at risk, their future is at risk – OUR future is at risk

But there is good news. Goodwill is here to help. Last year, your Goodwill served 1,601 youth in Hollywood, Palmdale, El Monte, Pomona, Riverside and Victorville. This year, we've started an exciting program in South Los Angeles focused on young black males who have had a brush with the law. These vital programs make it possible for us to help a struggling teen mother in Riverside finish high school, a young man on probation in Palmdale train for and secure sustainable employment, and a promising student in South Los Angeles take the SAT and enroll in college. Our no-cost programs and services help prepare and place young adults in internships, job-readiness training, and employment with businesses throughout the community.

Goodwill also helps youth develop social and vocational skills, get valuable life experience and build the positive relationships they need to succeed – personally and professionally.

And YOU help us do that every time you donate to and shop at Goodwill. In the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt, **"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."**

Thank you for supporting our mission of Transforming Lives through the Power of Work. No matter what your age, we wish you the joys of a carefree summer much like the ones you knew before you knew that not everyone gets a break.

Your Donations At Work

7,372

NEW JOBS

In 2012, Goodwill placed 7,372 people into new jobs throughout Southern California.

23:1

ECONOMIC RETURN

Every \$1 invested in Goodwill's job training programs returns \$23 in economic benefit to our community.

94%

TO PROGRAMS

Goodwill spends 94 cents of every dollar on job training programs and services.

A Sweet Caring Gift!

Do you know how far the power of a Girl Scout cookie can go when it comes to helping our youth? Whether it's a sweet treat while attending a leadership workshop in Pomona, or a job skills training class in Hollywood—the addition of a delicious snack makes for a happier participant.

That is why we at Goodwill are so grateful to the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles for including us in their Gift of Caring Program. Each one of our six youth programs located in Hollywood, Palmdale, El Monte, Pomona, Riverside and Victorville benefitted from the Gift of Caring program. Some would ask “How can a cookie have power?” Our program managers find that having a stash of cookies to offer to a group of hungry teenagers after a long day at school helps keep attention spans on track.

Our special thanks to the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, and to all the donors who purchased a box of cookies and designated it to Goodwill.



Why Our Legacy Links to Goodwill



“Goodwill has been our favorite charity for more than 20 years. Deborah and I have provided modestly for Goodwill in our estate plans. It was easy to do—just the addition of a single sentence in each of our wills. Lawyer Spencer Walch writes an amendment for free for any Goodwill donors.

We support Goodwill because its training programs and other employment services help people become economically independent.

Goodwill is a vital part of the solution to American poverty, currently about 15% of our national population. The broader solution to poverty is threefold: at least graduating from high

school, getting a full-time job, and getting married before having children. Often the most difficult part is finding a full-time job.

Goodwill helps people get on the ladder of economic progress. We have learned from our own experiences that the most important thing is not where we are economically at any given time of life, or even how fast we are progressing. Most important is simply the direction we are moving.

Slightly more U.S. families move from the lowest one-fifth of all earners all the way up to the highest fifth of earners than families who remain in the lowest fifth, over a 16-year period (IRS). Goodwill is an important part of the reason we have upward income mobility in America.

To the staff of Goodwill, we say, “Thank you for all that you do. You are an important part of the greatest economy the world has ever known!” -- *Jeff Goodman, former Goodwill Board member and Chair, 1998-99*

You can easily name Goodwill Southern California as a charitable beneficiary of your Will or Trust. Please contact Peggy Smith of our staff in confidence at (323) 539-2031 or psmith@goodwillsocal.org to get started. Thank you!



Partner Spotlight

Goodwill Southern California is pleased to honor our partnership with the Vons/Safeway Company and Foundation. They are not only a generous financial donor, but a valuable business partner with a commitment to hiring veterans and qualified job seekers through Goodwill's recruitment events in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties.

The relationship began through the sponsorship of Goodwill by a Vons employee, Joe Hilton, husband of La Quinta Store Manager Lori Hilton. A generous donation from the Vons/Safeway Foundation was instrumental in helping

Goodwill's Inland Empire Career Resource Centers to expand services to veterans seeking jobs or job retraining, assisting them in transferring their military skills to civilian jobs. Our services to veterans include one-on-one career counseling, educational and technical skills classes, and work tools.

For their generous financial support in helping to provide employment services to U.S. veterans in the Inland Empire, as well as providing job opportunities within their stores, we thank the Vons/Safeway Company and Foundation.

**FAR AND AWAY THE BEST PRIZE THAT
LIFE HAS TO OFFER IS THE CHANCE TO
WORK HARD AT WORK WORTH DOING.**

— THEODORE ROOSEVELT