Goodwill of Mississippi receives support on several fronts, and none is more important than the involvement of GIVS—or Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services. Originally called the Women’s Auxiliary in the 1960’s, this group has worked tirelessly over the years to keep up with the changes in Goodwill. To this day, they provide Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, as well as monthly recognition of birthdays to Goodwill employees, in addition to monthly chapel services.

In 1979, the Women’s Auxiliary changed its name to Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services of Mississippi, Inc. Abbreviated GIVS and aptly pronounced “gives,” this group continues to give in too many ways to list.

GIVS President, Sharee Lucius has this to say about the organization:

“It has been an honor serving and leading with some of the most loving, dedicated Servant Leaders I’ve ever met! We have not only given back in the ways mentioned above, but in 2016 GIVS was also able to provide funding for:

- Employee t shirts
- Computers for employee training
- 4 pallet jacks
- Training room at Jacksonian Plaza
- Forklifts for Metro & Centre Street Stores
- Sharing the cost of Goodwill Employee Night at Mississippi Braves game—and financial assistance with employee bonuses.

Without the hard work and devotion of the GIVS Board and Members these things wouldn’t have been possible! What an accomplishment and labor of love.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Goodwill family through GIVS for many years. More great things are yet to come in 2017! Thank you all for allowing me to be part of this journey.”

GIVS board members are meeting and planning for the coming months. Invite friends to join GIVS. For membership information, contact Frances Cole at fcole3159@yahoo.com.

Goodwill Industries of Mississippi assists people with disabilities and other barriers to obtain employment.

Goodwill Industries of Mississippi would not function nearly so well without the encouragement and support of this group. From all of us, THANK YOU, GIVS, FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!
Thrilled to be a Part of Your Lives!
Goodwill to All of You From All of Us
at Goodwill Industries of Mississippi!

E-COM

A.J. and Jackson
“Thrilled to be a part of this great team! Have a wonderful holiday season!”

Alex
“Wishing goodwill to all those in need. I’d like to thank Tonya for giving the opportunity to advance so I can take care of my family.”

CENTRE STREET

Thomas
“Thanks to Goodwill for being a help to me to take care of my family.”

METRO

Colleen
“Merry Christmas to all and I hope you enjoy your holiday.”

Rafael
“Merry Christmas to all my Goodwill team. Wishing blessings on all their families.”

Deonte
“Happy Holidays!”

Shaun
“Wishing my Goodwill family a Merry Christmas, and especially to my new friend, Janesha.”

Janesha
“Blessings to all my Goodwill family and to my two baby girls.”

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Sharee Lucius

LaKeisha
“Goodwill to everybody!”

Yazmeen
“To the whole Goodwill family, Merry Christmas! And have a blessed New Year.”

Shana
“Happy holidays and goodwill to all mankind!”

Curtis
“Happy holidays!”

LaKeisha

Yazmeen

Shana

Curtis

“Happy holidays!”
CROSSGATES

Ben
“I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!”

Sheila
“I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and send you a great big smile.”

Sandra
“I appreciate this holiday season and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.”

Passion
“I wish for everybody to have a blessed holiday and a happy New Year. I’m thankful for seven years working for Goodwill.”

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Crystal
“I would like to wish holiday greetings to everyone and their families.”

Samantha
“Happy holidays, everyone! Hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe holiday. God bless.”

Dana and Natasha
“God bless us, everyone!”

Upcoming Events

All locations closed, for December 24th and 25th for Christmas
All locations closed, January 1st and 2nd for New Year’s
Passion Davis, Crossgates Facility

Passion Davis first came to Goodwill Industries of Mississippi as a client from Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. She was hired full time in February of 2010. During her time with the organization, Passion has served as Assistant Manager at both the old Pearl store and the store at Crossgates.

She says, “The best thing about Goodwill is that we’re family.” She loves working together to accomplish goals.

Passion hopes to stay with the company and get back to being an assistant manager. She currently works as a sales associate at the Crossgates facility.

When asked who has had the biggest influence on her in the Goodwill organization, she responded with a big smile, “Mrs. Jennifer Ogden. She is always encouraging. Even though we’re at different locations now, we’re still close.”

Outside work Passion has a passion for cooking and singing. She’s active in her church where she uses her vocal talents in the choir.

Passion says that she appreciates Goodwill for giving her confidence in herself.

Passion, Goodwill thanks you for all your hard work.