Valarie, Crossgates

“I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas especially my daughter. I am thankful for my job and my amazing co-workers.”

Kathi, Hwy 51

“I am thankful for family, friends, and co-workers.”

Margaret, Metro

“This holiday season, I would like to wish goodwill to my family and my co-workers. I am thankful to God for second chances and for all He has done in my life!”

Pam, Hwy 51

“I am thankful for my job at Goodwill, my Goodwill family, and everything I have.”

Vanessa, Metro

“I’m thankful for my health and strength. I’m thankful to Goodwill for allowing me to become a productive member of society again!”

Sandro, Hwy 51

“I’m thankful for the good health and happiness of myself, my family, and my friends.”

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DEAR GOODWILL FAMILY,

Webster’s Dictionary defines family as “a group of people who are related to each other.” We are all related to each other in the mission of Goodwill…working with each other to have a positive effect on lives, to provide a safe place to work and to create a sense of well-being by having a job that has meaning.

As you may already know, Goodwill is a public non-profit organization. Goodwill exists to support our mission of assisting people with disabilities and other barriers to obtain employment. All of us contribute to the Goodwill mission by helping each other perform our job duties with respect for each other and respect for our donors and shoppers. Customer satisfaction is a key to our loyal customers returning to our stores. Innovation by trying new things and trying to learn from our experiences and from others helps us to be a better Goodwill. Overall we are visioning to be a premier employer in our marketplace. It is with this culture and belief in yourself that makes Goodwill a safe and rewarding place to work.

Goodwill has an extraordinary smiling face logo and is the 5th most recognized non-profit in America. We are in excellent company and so are you. The new management team has over 50 years of experience in Goodwill. In addition, JD has just completed the Goodwill Senior Leaders Program of nine months of intensive training. Only 24 people in 2014-2015 have done so. Dave has also completed 18 months of intensive training in the Goodwill Executive Development Program, a course only 12 people in 2014-2015 have completed.

Our very strong Board of Directors are always at our side providing us guidance and generous support of our long term goals set out in our 2016-2018 Strategic Plan. Each member of the board serves as a volunteer, no one is paid for their time nor do they receive any honors. They do it because they love Goodwill and they love seeing people improve their lives.

Our Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services, known as GIVS, is unique in its servant leadership to our organization. Each person does what they do and never asks for anything in return. I have worked with these ladies for over 20 years and am amazed at their commitment. All they want is to brighten your day and see you improve. They also donate $60,000 to us every year through the Salute Dinner for community volunteers. The dinner is a very positive fund raising event for Goodwill with over 450 people attending the dinner last year. Our leadership team, our board and our volunteers are all working together to improve the lives of our employees and families.

Before I came to Goodwill as a management person, I was a long-time volunteer. I am personally inspired by your success stories. I ask you to continue to be the uplifting, spirited people you are today and to continue to help our Goodwill Family by making Goodwill a safe, enjoyable place to develop yourself to a better place in life. I plan to continue to serve Goodwill at least one day per week working on special projects. In the great words of Chris Simpson, “Never let it rest, until your GOOD is BETTER and BETTER is BEST.”

GOODWILL TO ALL,

Gray Wiggers
“I’d like to say Goodwill Industries of Mississippi gave me a second chance while I was struggling and continues to support me as I have started to pursue my educational goals. Merry Christmas.”

Caitlyn, Hwy 51

“I am thankful for friends, family, her four dogs, and law enforcement.”

Stearlon, Warehouse

“I’m most thankful for the Goodwill family. I’m proud of the chances I’ve been given, and I will like to wish you all a Happy & Merry Christmas. Thank you.”

Troy, Crossgates

“I’d like to say Goodwill Industries of Mississippi gave me a second chance while I was struggling and continues to support me as I have started to pursue my educational goals. Merry Christmas.”

William, Crossgates

“Merry Christmas to all of my family and friends”

Brooke, Centre Street

“Goodwill really offered me encouragement and support. Wishing all in the organization happy holidays!”

Jackson, Centre Street

“Merry Christmas and peace and happiness to everyone”
Lakeshia, Centre Street

“I’m thankful for my friends and family and my coworkers. And wish them all goodwill for the holidays.”

Cedric, Metro

“I thank God for his many blessings and allowing me a second chance during this holiday season and for the future. I pray that all Goodwill employees have a blessed, blessed holiday season.”

Katie, Hwy 51

“I am thankful for Goodwill, my family, and the blessings of 2015.”

Passion, Crossgates

“I wanna wish a Merry Christmas to my family, friends, coworkers, and our customers.”

Shanisha, Warehouse

“I’m thankful for another year with my Goodwill family.”

Janesha, Metro

“I am thankful for my two beautiful girls and for my family. At this holiday season, my grateful thoughts are of all those who have made my progress possible. Merry Christmas to all!”
DEAR GOODWILL FAMILY,

I will be on vacation the month of December but will be at the Christmas Party on the 18th. My official retirement date is December 31st.

I just wanted to say to all that each of you have been an inspiration to me. After 26 years you have taught me so much!

I want to encourage you all to continue to reach for the stars. Do the best job you can each day and work to improve your skills. Goodwill has so much to offer and you should be excited as Goodwill moves forward. You have an excellent management team and I know you will support them.

I have seen many people come and go and achieve so much in their lives. You all have tremendous opportunities to succeed, no matter what your goal.

I want to sincerely THANK all of you for your strong support and willingness to learn and move forward during my years at Goodwill Industries of Miss. Inc.

SINCERELY,

Don Simpson
Allison, Hattiesburg

“Grateful for the opportunity, Merry Christmas!”

Janice, Warehouse

“I’m thankful for good health, family – most of all my 1st grand daughter.”

Ben, Crossgates

“I want to wish all my family and friends and everyone else a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!”

Celeste, Warehouse

“I’m thankful for life and family and friends. I’m also thankful for becoming a better person over the years.”

Kizzy, Warehouse

“I’m thankful for life and the 2nd chance I was given to grow into a better person, for myself and my loved ones. I pray that God keeps me strong through my bad times. I wish you all a Merry Christmas.”

Rateesha, Warehouse

“I’m thankful for good health. To be able to take care of my family.”
T.C., Hattiesburg

“Thankful to be here . . . Happy Holidays!”

Danny, Hattiesburg

“Happy to be part of the team . . . Yayy! Merry Christmas.”

Geri, Hattiesburg

“Grateful for the opportunity and the blessings. “

Fred, Centre Street

“Having a second chance in life, Goodwill has blessed me to be able to support my family and kids. They have really made my life better, and Kim has given me an opportunity to reach further goals in my life. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.”

Veronique, Centre Street

“I went through a long time of not having a job. I want to thank Ms. Kim and Mr. J.D. for giving me the opportunity to get back on my feet and grow in my endeavors. Wishing goodwill to all.”
Lawrence, Hwy 51

“I am thankful for Goodwill helping me to work on my attitude and social skills.”

Ashley, Hwy 51

“I am thankful for family, friends, and my job at Goodwill.”

Johann Jones, Metro

“Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us here at 18!”

Carrie, Hwy 51

“I am thankful for family, friends, and my job at Goodwill.”

Crystal, Hwy 51

“I am thankful for God allowing me to live to see another glorious year.”

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