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2020 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, DAVID HENRY

It is my honor to serve this year as Chairman of the Board for Goodwill Industries of Mississippi. During my tenure on this Board, I have come to appreciate how this organization truly lives its mission of changing lives through creating jobs. It has moved me to hear many of you give your heartfelt testimonies on how Goodwill has changed your life for the better. We must continue living this mission, and it is in this year that I look forward to serving alongside the Board and Dave Hollingsworth and his team in ensuring just that. Thank you for allowing me to serve, and God bless you in 2020.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

David Hollingsworth, President and CEO of Goodwill of MS

Goodwill of Mississippi is all about hope and opportunity – through job training, work experience, and long-term independence. That could not happen without a caring community that donates, shops and volunteers their time – all to assist in creating jobs for those with disabilities and other barriers to employment. We are thankful for . . .

• serving more persons that ever before, especially Vocational Rehabilitation clients. Many of those clients become Goodwill employees, leading them to financial independence.
• a record year in partnering with Mississippi Dept. of Rehabilitation Services. We served more clients and added key resources such as a handicapped – accessible van to transport clients as needed.
• we are gratified by a caring community – which has made a record number of donations this past year – at a rate that is 15.3% higher than last year. That means more jobs created for those with disabilities or other barriers to employment.
• We opened or expanded stores – a new one in Hattiesburg, an expanded one on Highway 51, Ridgeland and our first Attended Donation Center – located in the Reservoir area in Rankin County. I believe that Mississippians truly care and are blessed with servant hearts. This past year certainly proves it, and we are excited to change many more lives in 2020. Goodwill to All!

CALL FOR QUALIFIED FREE DONATION PICK-UP: 601-853-8110
DONATE & SHOP!
The Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services (GIVS) organization held its annual Christmas Party for the Goodwill of Mississippi employees and clients on December 18, 2019 at the Metro Goodwill location. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful traditional Christmas lunch and received a gift from Santa. The GIVS organization supports the employees and clients throughout the year with birthday parties, gifts, devotionals and lunches, and hosts the Salute fundraiser event in August to support Goodwill with their programs and organizational needs.

David Hollingsworth, President & CEO states, “Our fabulous GIVS ladies are the heart and soul of Goodwill. They offer hope, encouragement and support in so many ways to our Goodwill family. We could never thank the members of this organization enough.”

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH
OCTOBER 2019
(Left to right) Malik Johnson, Alex Damico, ShaNisha Burns, Willie Charleston, Kapresha Fairley, Ayden Boyd
(not pictured) Ariel Fortenberry and Shelia Mills.

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NOVEMBER 2019
(Left to right) Front – Terrill Guyton – Back row – Sara Brister, Tristan Robinson, Colleen Williams, Henry Shoto, Eleza Hartzog
(Not pictured) Travis Hayes, Linda Parker.

GOODWILL RESERVOIR DONATION CENTER NOW OPEN!

The Goodwill of Mississippi Reservoir Donation Center is open to help people in the area with their donations. Janet Spears, VP of Marketing states, “People have been asking for Goodwill to come to the Reservoir area for quite some time. We have been thrilled by the public’s response to our attended donation center – and we are so grateful. With these donations, jobs are created, and people’s lives are truly changed by the power of work.”

The Reservoir Donation Center is located at 1923 Spillway Road, Brandon, MS 39047. For information or a qualified free donation pick-up call 601 853-8110.

Goodwill of Mississippi is constantly working to educate the public about our Mission to assist people with disabilities and other barriers to obtain employment.

When YOU Donate – When YOU Shop – YOU create Jobs – YOU Change Lives
Every day this outstanding Goodwill of Mississippi E-commerce team works to post many of our unique and name-brand items for shoppers who visit ShopGoodwill.com/Ridgeland website.