Outstanding Leader & Employees Named

--- NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MISSION ---

LEADER of the YEAR

★ MARGO BURNSIDE ★

On June 25, 2018, Goodwill of Mississippi’s very own Margo Burnside was recognized as Goodwill Industries NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MISSION LEADER of the YEAR. The event was held in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Margo served as the 2017 President of the Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services (GIVS) board. The 35-member volunteer board serves to aid and assist Goodwill as they touch every employee and aspect of the organization. Margo’s driving initiatives included the Goodwill Art Show for Disabled Artists and the Salute Dinner, which is considered one of the top community charity events in Jackson. She began her relationship with GIVS by assisting a friend at the Salute Dinner in 2012. Margo had shopped at Goodwill from time-to-time and knew that they employed people with disabilities, but she really had no idea what the Goodwill organization did. Becoming involved with the GIVS board has opened her eyes to Goodwill’s mission of helping to employ people with barriers. Margo states that through her involvement with Goodwill, she has truly been blessed. Together with the GIVS board, they provide programs and events that serve the clients and employees of Goodwill. GIVS plans birthday parties for each employee, provides devotionals for the clients and staff, and host annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

“One of our employees told a GIVS board member that at his birthday party, it was the very first time that he had seen his name on a birthday cake,” said David Hollingsworth, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Mississippi.

“GIVS is the heart and soul of our Goodwill mission, and Margo’s leadership and personal commitment continues to make a difference to our community and our employees.” With great honor, we recognize MARGO BURNSIDE, selected as the NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MISSION LEADER of the YEAR.
Evidence of a true servant’s heart is what you will see when you meet Luther “Trell” Gatlin, Goodwill of Mississippi’s GRAY WIGGERS EMPLOYEE of the YEAR. Trell has been with Goodwill for 2 years and works as the store manager of the Hattiesburg Goodwill Select Store. He proclaims himself as a “Jack of All Trades” as he holds a wide variety of interests. Trell is a songster, an avid reader, loves to travel and enjoys design and fashion. He doesn’t have a most influential person—Trell has two! Both of his parents have played important roles in his life. “I sure got my share of whippings”, said Trell, “and I deserved most of them. Now I appreciate that love.” He also expresses that he grew up under the admiration and leadership of his grandfather, the late Reverend O.L. Jefferson, at St. John Church of God in Christ. Trell explains that being involved with Goodwill, learning its mission, and being able to help people change their lives has been his greatest reward. He states that every day is something “new” at his Goodwill store and that seeing the difference he can make and whose lives he can touch gives him great joy. He dreams of one day opening a homeless shelter in the area. The advice that Trell gives to his clients and fellow employees is to “get on board” with Goodwill and understand its mission, for it will help you find your purpose. Trell says, “Goodwill is allowing me to live mine and I am so blessed.” He cherishes being selected for this award, “I have been greatly honored by my people having recognized that I really try to give my all.” We salute you Luther “Trell” Gatlin as our GRAY WIGGERS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!

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The DON SIMPSON  
CO-ACHIEVERS of the YEAR

★ TOWANDA COLLINS ★  
★ COLLEEN WILLIAMS ★

Our DON SIMPSON ACHIEVER of the YEAR co-recipient is Towanda Collins. Born in Jackson, Towanda has lived in Mississippi her whole life. She states that her family is what is most important. The person that has inspired her the most is her mother. Towanda came to Goodwill 15 months ago, beginning in the sorting area. Within just three weeks, she was promoted and has worked her way up to assistant manager at the Clinton Goodwill Select Store. Towanda loves the opportunities that Goodwill is giving her. When asked what she thought of Goodwill she said, “Goodwill is not what I thought it was before I worked here—I thought it was just a thrift store. Goodwill is so much more—it is a place of hope and opportunity for those of us who really need it. We are like a family—I could call on anyone—Goodwill is somewhere to begin something better.” Towanda believes that if people who come to Goodwill will listen to their teachers and leaders, apply themselves, and be willing to work, they can receive skills and educational benefits to help them grow. Towanda’s favorite thing is to cook. Her goal is to attend culinary arts school with the help of Goodwill’s Tuition Reimbursement Program, and to open her own restaurant. Towanda has been married to her husband Drew for 14 years and they have 4 children. They attend New Galilean Church in Jackson. Goodwill is proud of Towanda and her achievements. Congratulations to our DON SIMPSON ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR, Towanda Collins.

The past 3 years at Goodwill have been life-changing for Colleen Williams, co-recipient of the DON SIMPSON ACHIEVER of the YEAR AWARD. She works as a cashier/sales associate for the Goodwill Metro Select Store, and states that her Goodwill family has motivated her to believe in herself and to work for what she wants in life. Colleen believes her strongest traits are to comfort, encourage and just to be kind to everyone. Her constant inspiration is God and her Mother. Colleen is an aspiring writer and is working hard to get into college with hopes of assistance from Goodwill’s Tuition Reimbursement Program. One of Colleen’s biggest dreams is to have a book published. She enjoys traveling, sports, worshiping and meeting new people. When asked what she liked best about Goodwill, Colleen said, “It’s so great—we have a team, everyone is treated equal, we are encouraged to be like a family.” Her advice to her co-workers at Goodwill is to become and stay positive, and guide yourself in the way you would like to go—never let someone tell you that you can’t achieve something. Through her hard work and believing in herself, Colleen Williams is an achiever. Congratulations to our DON SIMPSON ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR WINNER, Colleen Williams.

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“Goodwill didn’t just help me, they accepted me and showed me that I mattered,” stated Calvin Davis, the GIVS Spirit of the Year Award Winner. After years of having negative feelings, being told that he was worthless, and making some bad choices, Calvin has found his purpose by helping others at Goodwill of Mississippi.

Being a truck driver for Goodwill, he is often “the face” that donors see when donations are picked up. Calvin understands it is his job to represent Goodwill with his positive and helpful attitude and to do whatever is needed to make Goodwill’s operation run smooth. He prayed—and prayed hard—for this job, and throughout his fourteen months at Goodwill, blessings continue to flow his way. Calvin enjoys cooking, sports and spending time with his three daughters. One of his biggest desires is to be a better role model every day for his girls. Calvin’s life goal is simple—to achieve peace, balance and have “no worries”. Calvin has a “big” heart and finds his greatest joy in helping people in need. He would like to go to school and learn a trade that would help Goodwill in any way. Calvin said, “I love Goodwill—we are one BIG family and they saved my life.”

His sage advice to fellow employees is to learn to love your job, your co-workers and take advantage of every opportunity to grow - pay attention to your choices in life and try to make good ones. When given the news that he was selected by his peers for the award, Calvin knew that he worked hard, but with this award he felt valuable. “I became emotional thinking somebody noticed me—I am just so blessed—but with all of my blessings, I have to give all of the glory to God.” Congratulations Calvin Davis for being selected the GIVS SPIRIT of the YEAR AWARD WINNER. Well deserved.

Do You Know?

Goodwill Industries has received an A RATING from Charity Watch International.