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From the Desk of Rich Borer

Together we are stronger. As you look through this publication, you'll read about some of the consumers we serve and their wonderful success stories in our Client Spotlights and you'll also read about our new agency and its merged history.

Fifty years ago a historic merger took place here in New Haven when three agencies came together to form what was Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center Inc. Now in 2018 we have another merger that is even more historic: the joining of Goodwill of Southern New England and Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island. We are excited about our history which dates back to when Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island started in 1863 as the Irrepressible Society to support returning Civil War Veterans. And we are excited about our future and planned growth of our mission in our new territory.

Goodwill Industries of Southern New England has become a bigger and better version of its former self. By bundling our knowledge and experience, our joined companies are stronger. With our combined programs, services and staff, we're able to significantly expand our retail operations. This growth will allow us to enhance our programs, services and the resources that so greatly assist our clients.



I'm pleased that we're continuing to build a community where all people are empowered to achieve their fullest potential. Through the power of employment and enrichment, we're helping to better the lives of the people we serve.

Thanks for your ongoing support which allows us to continue our commitment to providing life changing opportunities for people with disabilities and other challenges. Together we are stronger.

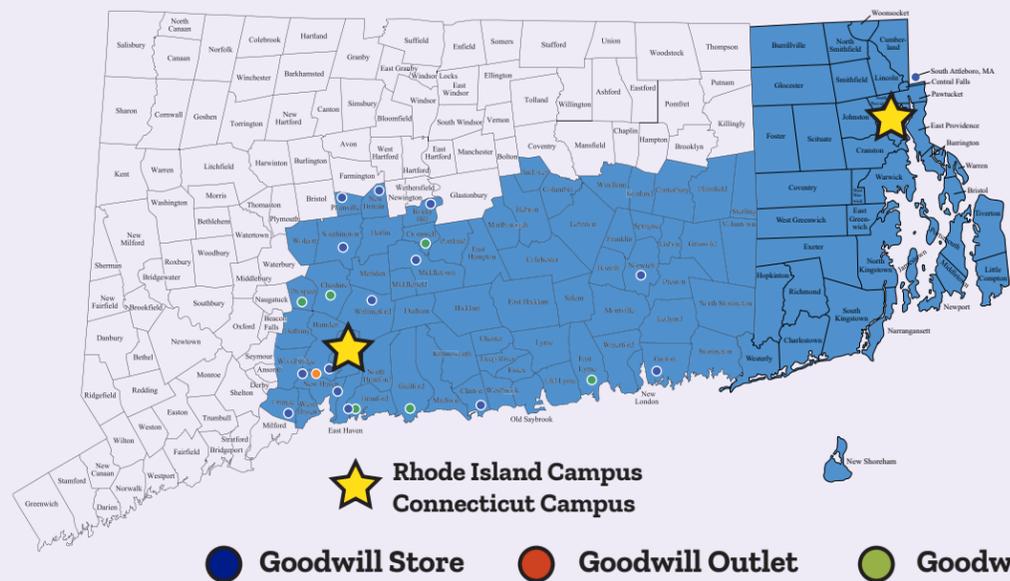
H. Richard Borer, President

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Goodwill Merger Leads to Retail Expansion

Goodwill of Southern New England Territory



Effective July 1st, Goodwill Industries of Southern New England and Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island joined together as one organization. The two merged organizations have combined their strengths to better service the region's disadvantaged citizens, including people with mental and physical disabilities and others with barriers to employment.

"Bringing together two of the regions longest established and most successful charities just makes sense," said Rich Borer, president of Goodwill Industries of Southern New England. "It's wonderful that we can share and build on our success in Connecticut with our neighbor to the east."

Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island which originated in 1863 brings established job and computer training, employment placement and English as a Second Language programs to the newly combined company.

One of Goodwill Industries of Southern New England's strengths is its retail presence with 15 secondhand retail stores, 1 retail outlet and numerous donation centers throughout south-central and eastern Connecticut as well as programs for individuals with disabilities and other challenges.

The merged forces will allow for retail expansion into Rhode Island which currently has collection points in 24 towns where clothes and other goods are donated but no retail stores.

According to Goodwill of Rhode Island president Jeff Machado, "Now with more resources and the benefits of a larger organization, we're excited to open retail stores in Rhode Island to grow revenue."

New retail stores in Rhode Island will be modeling a plan to better educate the public about Goodwill Industries' services. Stores will include information about job placement and skills training services for people with disabilities and other barriers.

"We're going to provide job evaluation and placement services directly at the new stores," says Machado. "Job specialists will be located at the retail stores to help us reach more people throughout the state, especially those who aren't centrally located."

Our newly formed organization is excited to grow its programs and mission in order to reach and assist more people with disabilities and challenges in Rhode Island and Connecticut.



Rich Borer and Jeff Machado

A Long History of Serving Others

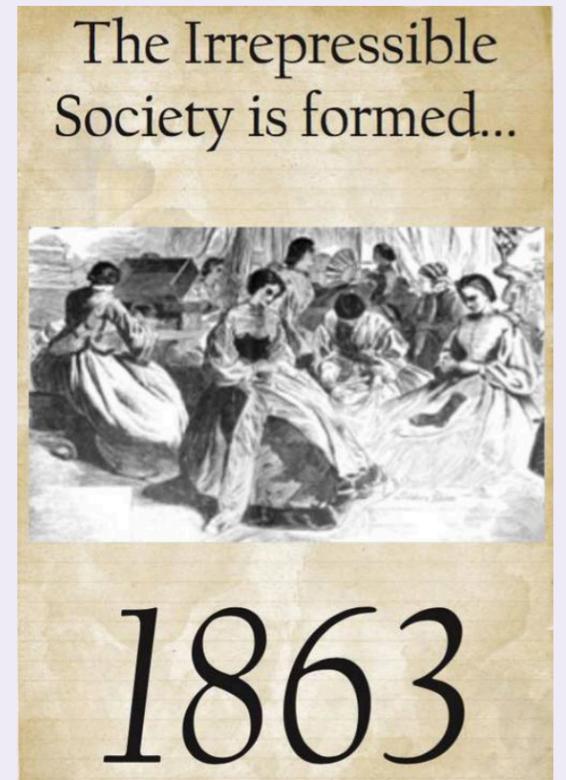
1863

Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island traces its roots back to the Civil War era. Originally called the Irrepressible Society, the organization was started by wives and daughters of prominent Rhode Island business men who served meals to Civil War soldiers. Their focus was to help make their community better, including helping those with physical and mental health issues.

1930

During the Depression era, what is now Goodwill Industries of Southern New England was founded with the intention of providing employment and income for adults with disabilities. Its headquarters officially opened up on State Street in New Haven over a decade later expanding its services during and after the War.

While company names and programs have changed and broadened over time, what has remained consistent for both organizations is the belief that meaningful work is a central need for everyone including those with disabilities.



Goodwill - Good for the Environment

Did you know that in 2017 Goodwill of Southern New England collected and diverted from landfills over a half millions donations totaling 16 million pounds?

Goodwill of Southern New England has been promoting the concepts of recycling and reusing since our inception over 80 years ago! The very essence of our company's mission of donating used goods makes us a 'green' organization and we're proud to promote sustainability and help reduce our collective carbon footprint.

When you donate used items to Goodwill instead of depositing them in a dumpster, our planet benefits. By extending the life of clothing, textiles and electronics, we're reducing waste and helping the environment.

Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose:

All Clothing – Men's, Women's, Children's
Appliances – Small in Working Condition
Books, Records/Tapes
CDs, DVDs/VHS

Bicycles and Toys
Computers
Furniture – Good, Saleable
Housewares
Jewelry

Linens
Shoes (pairs)
Vehicles-Cars, Boats, Motorcycles, Motor Homes
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Client Spotlights



Theresa was part of Goodwill's LEEP (Learn to Earn Employment Program) and also participated in the Fundamentals of Computers class which prepared her to complete her online job applications and gave her computer skills. She finished an internship at MB Management as an office intern which eventually led her to Walmart where she has been employed since May.

Theresa Z.



"Goodwill has helped me every step of the way, from helping me get my CT Guard card, transportation and finding and keeping a job. Goodwill has become family and I know I can always come here for help and support."

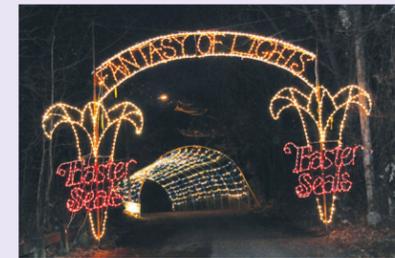
Natasha W.



Since May 2018, Michael has been employed at the Walmart Supercenter in Coventry Rhode Island. He is a graduate of Goodwill's Warehouse Training Program, his tasks include working in the warehouse, unloading trucks, and unpacking and stocking merchandise.

Michael R.

Rejoice in the Season with Fantasy of Lights



Come to view the Fantasy of Lights at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven this holiday season! A family tradition for many residents through the region, our display of over 50 holiday images and shapes celebrates the season and raises funds for Goodwill Southern New England's programs for the disabled.

We offer 3-D glasses to enhance the viewing of the light displays. The Lights will be open to the public until December 31, 2018.

Donate Your Stuff to Help a Neighbor!



Did you know that every item you donate to Goodwill directly impacts our services? Your donations to us support programs to enhance employment and enrichment opportunities for people with disabilities and other challenges right here in our community. The people who participate in our programs:

- Learn valuable job skills and work behaviors
- Find employment to reach their full potential
- Engage in social and recreational activities
- Overcome employment barriers

Celebrate Campaign



It is my honor to serve as the Chairperson for the 2018 Goodwill Industries of Southern New England Celebrate 2018 campaign.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by December 31, 2018, allowing us to improve our employment capabilities and open additional retail stores. With your help and generosity, we can continue to fund necessary services and programs that have been severely impacted by state and federal funding cuts.

Goodwill of Southern New England currently operates fifteen retail stores that also provide employment for our clients. All proceeds are used to support our mission of helping individuals with disabilities and other challenges.

Goodwill transforms the items you no longer need into jobs that provide skills and experience for our clients. This allows participants to earn decent wages, enhance their quality of life, and to eliminate barriers to opportunity.

Your support helps us to continue our mission.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Fontana

Richard Fontana

Director Emergency Services
City of New Haven

Celebrate! Goodwill SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Goodwill of Southern New England is committed to helping disadvantaged people in our community live their lives to the fullest. Our programs help these individuals find jobs, receive an education, and connect with the community in meaningful ways. The skills and experience that our participants gain with us set them on the path towards independence and personal fulfillment.

But we can't do it alone – your support helps us keep these crucial programs running. By making a donation, you're funding opportunities for people like Melanie and helping them achieve their goals.

Client Spotlight: Melanie Brennan

Melanie Brennan has been with Goodwill Southern New England since 2011. She began working at the age of 22 in our Community Employment Services program. Seven years later this sweet shy young lady has grown into a confident, hardworking, self-advocating young woman. She has improved her interpersonal skills, encouraging and motivating her peers and coworkers throughout the day.

Melanie always makes an immense contribution at her assigned jobsite of the day. Melanie has acquired a variety of work skills during her time here. She recently became very proficient with our new tagging system at the Goodwill stores. Melanie attends work daily with a positive attitude, eager to do her best and reach any goals set for her and her team. We look forward to see what the future holds for Ms. Brennan!

New Goodwill Store Opens in Plainville CT

Goodwill's newly constructed store at 349 New Britain Avenue in Plainville, CT opened to the public on November 8th.

The 17,000 square foot space of gently used inventory ranging from housewares and furniture to clothing and electronics provides a unique shopping experience for people looking for second-hand merchandise.

According to the store's manager, James Brouillette, "We're very excited to be in Plainville now with a store that represents a 'new breed' of Goodwill stores, aimed at improving the shopping experience with better design, larger aisles and bright lighting."

The new store is complete with drive-thru service which makes it easy and convenient for people to drop off their donations.



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