

Just The Facts

About Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont

Established in 1965, Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont (GISP) is part of a network of more than 180 autonomous, non-profit Goodwill organizations in 24 countries worldwide that make up Goodwill Industries International.

Over 550 GISP associates help change lives in the Southern Piedmont region, which includes 13 counties in North Carolina and five counties in South Carolina.

- **North Carolina:** Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Polk, Richmond, Rutherford, Scotland, Stanley, Union
- **South Carolina:** Chester, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Marlboro, York

We believe all people in our region have the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential through the power of work. In 2008, GISP provided job training and employment services for more than 13,300 individuals and placed more than 2,700 people directly into permanent and temporary employment.

How We Operate

When someone is having a hard time finding a job because of lack of skills, experience or education, Goodwill is there to help. We do that by selling donated clothing and household items in our 19 retail stores and using the proceeds to fund job training, employment and family support services that assist thousands of people each year in the Southern Piedmont.

We provide employment, job training and career development services in the following areas:

- Occupational skills training for careers in banking, call centers, customer service, construction and hospitality
- Job Resource Centers in Charlotte (2), Gastonia, Lincolnton and Shelby
- On-the-job training programs in electronic recycling, janitorial services and retail

We opened GoodWork Staffing in 2005 to provide temporary and permanent employees to organizations looking for a staffing solutions partner.

Donors play a vital role in the ability to fulfill our mission. Thanks to over 875,000 donations in 2008, GISP was able to divert more than 33 million pounds of goods from area landfills, including over 3.2 million pounds of electronic waste.

Through our partnership with Dell in the Reconnect program, we offer a free service for the community to reuse and responsibly recycle unwanted electronics.

Goodwill In The Community

Goodwill ranks as one of the top five non-profit organizations that does good work in Mecklenburg County according to UNCC's Community Survey conducted by the Urban Institute. More than 70 percent of the households give clothing and household items to Goodwill and 45 percent of households have shopped at Goodwill retail stores.

Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont is a United Way of Central Carolinas agency and works in partnership with government agencies to provide an array of evaluation, training and employment services.