



Goodwill Industries of the Valleys Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

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Roanoke, VA. – Goodwill Industries of the Valleys has received a three-year accreditation from an international accrediting commission, CARF, for its employment services programs, including community employment, employee development, employment planning, and organizational employment. The latest accreditation is the second consecutive three-year accreditation outcome that has been awarded to Goodwill since the 2000 merger that created Goodwill Industries of the Valleys.

“This accreditation represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows our substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF for services and safety,” stated Bruce Phipps, President and CEO. “Our organization has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors that our programs and services are of the highest quality, are measurable, and that we are accountable for our outcomes. We are committed to offering quality services to the individuals with disabilities and disadvantages that we serve in a safe and productive environment. This accreditation validates the efforts of our staff for their commitment and outstanding efforts on a daily basis.”

CARF, an independent, not-for-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served by an organization. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, it establishes standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys was created in January 2000 through a merger of four organizations with similar missions of serving people in need. Headquartered in Roanoke, Goodwill serves 15 cities and 31 counties in central and southwest Virginia. Its mission is to help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome barriers to employment and to provide comprehensive services for achieving and sustaining independence. Last year, GIV served over 1,800 individuals.

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