

# Goodwill Service Board Update

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## Facts to Know:

- Developmental disabilities are a diverse group of severe chronic conditions that are due to mental and/or physical impairments. People with developmental disabilities have problems with major life activities such as language, mobility, learning, self-help, and independent living. Developmental disabilities begin anytime during development up to 22 years of age and usually last throughout a person's lifetime.

## Brown Bag Tour

Join Goodwill Columbus Service Board members on October 21, 2009 at Goodwill Columbus, 1331 Edgehill Road for a tour of Goodwill Columbus. The tour will begin in the lobby



at noon.

Enjoy a tour of Goodwill in action! A brown bag lunch and beverage will be provided after the tour which you can either eat at Goodwill, or take back to the office with you.

This tour is recommended for all Service Board members, and especially new members. This is the first Service Board tour since the facility has undergone its

fabulous renovation – we hope you'll join us!



Please contact Jennifer Bennett to sign up for the tour: [jenn\\_bennett@att.net](mailto:jenn_bennett@att.net)



**OCTOBER GOODWILL COLUMBUS SERVICE BOARD  
MEETING**

**OCTOBER 14**

**7:00 p.m.**

**GOODWILL COLUMBUS, 1331 EDGEHILL ROAD**



## From the Co-Presidents

Perhaps the theme of the 2009 – 2010 Service Board Year should be “Change”. This year for the first time we’ll be trying a co-presidency as Kate and I revel in the title “Co-Queen”. We are working hard to ensure that things are neither done twice, nor fall through the cracks!

One of our first duties as president was an early September meeting at Goodwill with C.E.O. Margie Pizzuti and Vice President of Human Resources and Retail Operations Shanda Arthurs to discuss the shift of Service Board from operating under the wing of Development to Shanda’s Human Resources division. While it will now mean depending on Shanda and her assistant Erik Wilson, we are assured we will enjoy the same level of support we have always received from Goodwill. Any

requests for assistance from Goodwill should be directed to Shanda’s office.

This year’s Room With a View will be yet another change as we hope to move the venue from Goodwill where we have enjoyed the last two events, to another Columbus location. We hope to have a location finalized in October.

One of this year’s goals is to attract, involve and retain members. Happily we have new and newly-active members who have already agreed to offices and have signed up for committees.

Outgoing two-term president Lisa Parks Godfrey was honored at the September meeting with the purchase of an engraved brick paver which will decorate the entrance to Goodwill Columbus. This year’s recipient of the Jackie Isaac

award is a very deserving Amy Saunders who leant Goodwill her time and talents (including Adopt-A-Family and starting the Goodwill Living program) as well as her generous financial support.

Finally, we have made a change in our meeting calendar as well. All meetings will be held in the evening. We encourage each and every member to support Goodwill Service Board, by attending meetings, recruiting potential new members, and getting involved with committees.

Thankfully, the enthusiasm of Service Board members remains unchanged!

Sincerely,

Kate Brody

Jennifer Bennett

Co-Presidents

# Adopt-a-Family



working together!

You can sign up for one person, a family, or maybe you and a Service Board friend (or other) would like to share a family. If you do not have

Once again, the Service Board will be helping Goodwill serve some of their clients who are in real need at Christmas-time. If you are able and willing, please sign up to sponsor a person or family to help this year.

We generally suggest about \$50/person for your gifts. Goodwill staff will provide us with the names and ages, sizes, desires of the people they are trying to help. As Service Board members, we shop for the gifts, and either wrap them ourselves or bring them to Goodwill to be wrapped by a team of Service Board members in early December. At that meeting, we always are furnished with lots of wrapping paper, boxes, and ribbons to do the job and enjoy snacks and great holiday spirit

time to shop, you can give money towards the shopping and the co-chairs will shop for you.

Right now we are just asking that you sign up to be a part of this and we will contact you in early November to let you know of our needs. This is an activity of the Service Board that is greatly enjoyed by members and their families, especially children, who really love to shop for others. If you have any questions, or are ready to sign up, contact Linda Jones ([lsheerjones@aol.com](mailto:lsheerjones@aol.com)) 487-8823, or Susie McKenna ([suemckenna@aol.com](mailto:suemckenna@aol.com)) 459-0007, (co-chairs) of Adopt-a-Family. More information to come as we get closer to the holidays.



## GOODWILL ART STUDIO

The Goodwill Art Studio & Gallery is a truly unique fine arts program for persons with disabilities and other barriers. Here, through the freedom of creativity, artists are given the opportunity to build self esteem and a sense of personal accomplishment.

This program also provides a remarkable learning experience, as the participants collaborate directly with professional artists and art educators to take their artwork to a higher level. Artists increase their knowledge and discover new skills through exposure to new artistic mediums and collaborative efforts. Each artist works toward achieving individual goals based upon their needs, strengths and desires. The ultimate goal is to create expressive and high quality artwork that not only provides exposure for the artist, but the opportunity to generate income through the sale of their artwork.

## The Goodwill Columbus Service Board

*Founded in 1986, the Service Board is a group of active, community-minded women. The Service Board meets monthly and sponsors Room With a View, its major fund raiser which has raised over \$800,000 in the past 18 years. The proceeds of this fund raiser are allocated to several programs of Goodwill Columbus depending on the requests made by each program. For example, leather portfolios have been purchased for graduates of Battelle Career Center, vacations and travel for onsite residents, supplies for the Good Art Studio; the Service Board helps out with the "extras" for the participants. Goodwill Living is a committee within the Service Board that does room makeovers for the residents. Additionally, members may volunteer directly with the staff and participants in the various programs. We attend graduations to show our pride and support to Battelle Career Center graduates and bake and supply food for the graduation receptions.*

## Goodwill Columbus Service Board Meeting Calendar

\*\*Please note all meetings are at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- October 14 at Goodwill: we need a sweet treat
- November 11: we need a member to offer her home
- December 9: Pizza and gift wrapping at Goodwill
- January 13 at the home of Deena Robinson: we need members to bring treats: one sweet, one salty
- February 10 at Goodwill: we need a member a salty treat
- March 10 at the home of Jennifer Bennett: we need both sweet and salty treats
- April 14 at the home of Christina McKenna: we need both sweet and salty treats
- May 12 at the home of Jackie Isaac: Each member to bring something