

Foundation Focus



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Goodwill Foundation

Our Vision

Self-Sufficiency is a state of mind and is the desired state of being for all people. Individuals and Society function best in this fashion. Goodwill Foundation will amass capital and other resources and leverage them with effective community organizations to develop holistic, innovative solutions to enable the Disabled and Disadvantaged to permanently and systemically overcome the barriers to self-sufficiency.

Within 10 years Goodwill Foundation will facilitate the development and employment of an innovative, systematic, holistic approach to enable the Disabled and Disadvantaged to permanently and predictably overcome the barriers to self-sufficiency. Through these efforts our innovative approach to self-sufficiency will be widely recognized as a national model and will be broadly emulated by other communities.

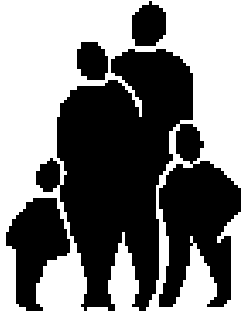


Goodwill Foundation Hires New Director

Anthony Liller has been appointed the new Director of the Goodwill Foundation. Anthony comes to the Goodwill Foundation after 20 years of service in the United States Marine Corps. He holds an MBA from Averett University and a MS in Logistics Management through Florida Institute of Technology. Anthony has served as the Executive Director for the Upstate Toys for Tots Foundation for the last three years as well as the Commanding Officer for the Upstate Young Marines. He is also a member of the Greenville Marine Corps League. Anthony resides in Simpsonville with his wife Maria and their 4 children.

Anthony can be reached by calling (864) 351-0149 or by email at aliller@goodwillfoundationsc.org.





Collaboration Corner: GAIHN

The Mission of the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN) is to assist local congregations to share hospitality (in the form of emergency shelter and meals) with homeless families, and to help those families achieve self-sufficiency and self-fulfillment.

Fifteen dynamic Greenville-area churches generously use their Sunday school classrooms and other church facilities to offer homeless families safe lodging, nourishing meals, and genuine hospitality — right down to the mint on the pillow. Each church hosts the guest families for a week at a time, about four (4) times a year on a rotating schedule. Eleven other congregations provide volunteer services & support resources, including short-term transitional housing in units they own.

It's important to note that GAIHN is the only emergency shelter in Greenville for single

mothers with sons who are age 10 and older. Most other local emergency shelters separate family members by gender, and only GAIHN will allow homeless single mothers to reside with their youthful sons in the same family.

GAIHN has partnered with the Upstate Homeless Coalition and the Goodwill Foundation to assist five Greenville County families on their journey to self-sufficiency. As a part of this partnership, GAIHN was able to hire Rev. Cornell Richardson as a full time case manager. Rev. Richardson is a seasoned veteran in providing high quality case management services to homeless persons. His position is funded through a grant from the "Strengthening Families and Neighborhoods" Community Impact Council of United Way of Greenville County.

To learn more about GAIHN visit their website at: <http://www.gaihn.org>.



Collaboration Corner: Upstate Homeless Coalition

The Upstate Homeless Coalition of S.C. is a private, non-profit organization. It is the coordinating body for homeless programs, issues, and advocacy, and housing development for over 100 agencies in the Upstate. It has four major components:

- Housing Development
- Continuum of Care
- Programs
- Advocacy

It is governed by a volunteer board of directors.

The Upstate Homeless Coalition, under a federal mandate to reduce homelessness, has written a ten year plan for the state of South Carolina. The plan incorporates the use of five task forces to work on particular aspects of the state plan. The task forces

will then submit their plans to a steering committee, which will then integrate into one overall plan.

Upstate Homeless Coalition, in partnership with Goodwill Foundation and GAIHN, has received funding to construct 5 homes to assist families on their journey to self-sufficiency. Construction should begin in January of 2007.

To learn more about the Upstate Homeless Coalition visit their website at: <http://www.upstatehomeless.com>.

Meet the Board of Directors

Thomas E Miller, Jr. (Tom)

President

Tom has served as an officer on the Board of Directors for Greenville's Goodwill Industries for several years and presently serves as the chair of the Goodwill Foundation. After a sixteen-year career in sales and management, Tom joined Merrill Lynch. His fourteen years with Merrill Lynch have brought him recognition and numerous professional certifications. Tom lives on the East-side with his wife, April, and their 12-year old son, Thomas where he is an avid gardener and enjoys spending time with the family. They are members of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville.

Irvine T. Welling, III (Irv)

Vice-President

Irv has practiced public accounting for more than 30 years, concentrating in real estate, medical/healthcare, manufacturing & distribution. His involvement with client engagements include strategic business planning, consultation on general corporate matters, estate & trust planning, & personal wealth management. Irv serves on the Board of Directors for the SC Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities, Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Arts Council, Artisphere as well as several others.

Gordon R. White, III

Treasurer

Mr. White is founder and President of Atlantic Capital Partners, a firm specializing in providing working capital and real estate funding for businesses. Prior to this, he was CFO of O'Neal, Inc and Vice President of BB&T. Mr. White is a graduate of North Carolina State University and has been an active member of various Goodwill Board of Directors for nearly 20 years. Gordon and his wife Lisa live in Greenville, have one daughter, and are members of Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

Shirley A. Keller

Secretary

Shirley has been an active volunteer in the Greenville community for over 15 years. She has served and continues to serve on numerous boards such as the Greenville Symphony Board, Guild of Greenville Symphony, Metropolitan Arts Council Board, Good Will Industries Board, and the Goodwill Foundation Board.

P. Jeffrey Gilstrap (Jeff)

Jeff is CEO of SYS Constructors and spends his spare time with his wife, Julie, and their 2 horses, 9 dogs, 5 cats & chickens. He is a commissioned Lay Pastor at Tyger River Presbyterian Church, a board member for the Special Olympics of SC, a member of the Leadership Greenville Class 15, and a board member for the Greenville Arena District. Jeff has served the Special Olympics of SC in many capacities and was awarded the first-ever, "Hero of Special Olympics" award for outstanding dedication & support of Special Olympics of SC.

George O. Short, Jr.

Mr. Short is a Cum Laude graduate of Furman University. He is presently Chair of The Greenville Little Theatre and The Presbyterian Community Foundation. He has been an active volunteer for over 40 years serving as President of The Pleasantburg Rotary Club and on advisory or governing Boards of The South Carolina Association of CPAs, Furman University, Greenville Tech, Blue Ridge Council of Boy Scouts, and Meyer Center. He is a life member of the American Institute of CPAs and the South Carolina Association of CPAs. He has served as a Deacon, Trustee, and Elder at First Presbyterian Church where he is a teacher of an Adult Sunday School Class. George and his wife Jackie live in Greenville and have three adult children and seven grandchildren.

William T. Wylie (Bill)

Ex-Officio, President/CEO GWI

Bill was elected to serve as Executive Director of Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands, SC in 2002. Prior to serving for Goodwill, Mr. Wylie was the former President of Stone International and Umbro American and former CEO of Cherith Valley Farms. He currently serves on the Greenville County Workforce Investment Board and is active in the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and United Way. Bill lives in Greenville with his wife, Janie. They have 3 children and 10 grandchildren.

William Hummers (Bill)

Ex-Officio, Chairman of Board GWI

William S. Hummers serves as Chief Risk and Administrative Officer and as a Director of The South Financial Group. Mr. Hummers is responsible for risk management, human resources, legal, and compliance. Mr. Hummers joined The South Financial Group in June 1988 and served as Chief Financial Officer until November 2005. Mr. Hummers began his banking career in 1972 with Southern Bank & Trust serving as Senior Vice President and Controller from 1982 to 1986. Following the acquisition of Southern Bank by First Union National Bank of South Carolina in 1986, Mr. Hummers was Vice President, Management Reporting with First Union in Charlotte until joining The South Financial Group in June 1988. Mr. Hummers graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Economics. Mr. Hummers is a Director of World Acceptance Corporation, a consumer finance company.

Beverly R. Kaplan

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Coming Next Issue:

Friends of the Foundation: Learn how you can help the Goodwill Foundation.

Message from the Director

Dear Friends of Goodwill,

On September 5, 2006 I had the sincere pleasure of taking over the reigns of the Goodwill Foundation by assuming the role of it's Director. The first several weeks here have been full of new challenges and exciting learning opportunities. The Goodwill Team has been very gracious and kind while bringing me up to speed and welcoming me onto the team. They, the Board and the volunteers have all made me feel right at home and I'm excited to be a part of such a dynamic organization.

One week after starting this new job, I had the privilege of attending the Annual Goodwill Achievement Awards Dinner. What an inspirational evening of celebration for the numerous achievements of Goodwill and its partners. I had a strong feeling of pride as I watched the many sincere faces in the audience and felt the genuine attitude of the Goodwill employees who were proud to be a part of an organization that is making such a difference. I too am proud to be a part of helping our friends and neighbors in the Upstate community take charge of their lives and become self-sufficient.

And that is exactly the mission of the Goodwill Foundation, "Building self-sufficiency through collaboration." Over the next several months, we will be developing plans and launching new initiatives to bring together partners from across the Upstate to create a holistic approach to helping families achieve their dreams of self-sufficiency. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities this goal will present and will continue to update you about our progress and success through this quarterly newsletter.

On behalf of the lives that will be changed through the partnerships and resources of the Goodwill Foundation, I thank you for your support and look forward to working with each of you.

Regards,

Anthony Liller

Goodwill Foundation Director



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