

GOLDEN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Goodwill's retail operation has expanded from its first **two small stores to nine retail centers** in five communities today that serve over **450,000 material donors** and **one million shoppers** annually.
- Goodwill **had 26 employees** when it started and today **employs over 1,000 individuals** who work to improve lives.
- **Initially** serving only **individuals with disabilities**, today Goodwill has over **20 diverse programs** creating independence for people with **economic disadvantages, families and seniors**.
- Goodwill has reached an **elite status** by consistently **ranking in the top ten** Goodwills nationwide for the **number of people placed in jobs** each year.



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Our Goodwill celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2011 and invites you to join us in honoring where we've been and where we're going! Goodwill has been helping people build lives of hope, opportunity and independence since 1961. From our early beginnings to where we are today, Goodwill continues to have a significant impact on the communities we serve by helping people become personally and financially independent. As we reflect on our achievements during the past five decades we are most proud of the accomplishments made by the people we serve. Their perseverance is what makes Goodwill great. Thank you for helping Goodwill reach this golden moment!

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF IMPROVING LIVES





1967

- The Industrial Services Division (ISD) was started, providing contract production services to businesses while offering job training to individuals with special needs.



1961

- Our local Goodwill® was incorporated as its own organization.



1978

- Goodwill became one of only ten Goodwills nationwide to receive The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) top accreditation in four program areas. Goodwill has consistently received the highest accreditation since then.

1973

- The Cañon City Retail Center opened.



1989

- Goodwill began its partnership with the El Paso County Department of Human Services by providing Employment First, a program assisting food stamp recipients in gaining work experience and job skills. Today, the partnership provides multiple job training programs serving a record number of people.



1997

- The Commercial Laundry Facility began providing services to businesses and organizations through AbilityOne and today has customers from Pueblo, CO to Cheyenne, WY.
- The inaugural "An Enchanted Evening" event raised \$33,000.



1994

- The first janitorial contract at the United States Air Force Academy was initiated through AbilityOne, a federal program which creates employment opportunities for people with disabilities. A second janitorial contract at the Academy started the following year.



1996

- Life at the Bluffs Adult Day Center began offering daytime supervision to seniors and veterans with special needs.



1998

- Goodwill Staffing, a full-service employment agency, began helping individuals move from welfare to work.
- The first build-to-suit store, the North Retail Center, opened.
- Goodwill received the Better Business Bureau's Award for Excellence in Customer Service.
- The vehicle donation program was established.

2002

- Goodwill ranked in the top five Goodwills in the U.S. for the number of people placed in competitive employment, and has ranked in the top ten since.
- The West Recreation & Leisure Center opened, housing a multi-sensory Snoezelen Room for individuals with severe disabilities followed by a second location three years later.



2003

- A successful capital campaign raised over \$4 million to build the Powers Retail Center.

2004

- The Fountain Retail Center opened.

2007

- The Grand Junction Retail Center opened.

2009

- Goodwill began a partnership with Dell™ called Reconnect™ which allows residents to responsibly recycle used computer equipment for free.



1999

- Goodwill At Home, a home care service helping seniors and individuals with disabilities or other special needs, began providing unskilled services to home-bound individuals.
- The Goodwill Foundation was created.
- Goodwill was awarded a contract for food service attendants at Fort Carson which later expanded to a full-food service contract at all dining halls.

2010

- Karla Grazier, long-time Goodwill board member, became president/CEO.

2011

- Goodwill initiates a move to its new headquarters at 1460 Garden of the Gods Road.
- Goodwill begins serving Pueblo.
- Goodwill celebrates its 50-year anniversary.



2008

- The Circle Retail Center opened featuring Goodwill's first teen department called Threads.

