

The latest news from Goodwill San Antonio



Changing Lives Through the Power of Work.

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Changing Lives. From Unemployable to Unstoppable.

After a stint with Boeing in San Antonio, Thomas' career was taking off with an aviation company in San Marcos, painting and maintaining aircraft. Until he took the opportunity to make easy money and ended up paying for it with five years in prison.

When he got out, Thomas quickly discovered his felony was a major roadblock to employment. Luckily, someone at his halfway house told him about the programs for ex-offenders offered by [Goodwill San Antonio](#). After completing the job readiness training program, he was hired by Goodwill at their Distribution Service Center. In short order, he worked himself up from the dock to the Goodwill Maintenance Team.

Now his future has ascended to new heights.



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Congressman Lamar Smith's Chief of Staff Visits Goodwill San Antonio

[Goodwill San Antonio](#) was excited to welcome Ashlee Vinyard, Chief of Staff to Congressman Lamar Smith, for a recent tour of our [Contract Services](#), [Retail](#) and warehouse operations. Congressman Smith represents the 21st Congressional District of Texas and has been a longtime supporter of Goodwill. In addition, Congressman Smith is an AbilityOne® Champion, an elected official who is committed to supporting the AbilityOne program, the largest source of employment for people who have significant disabilities in the United States.

Ashlee saw the power of the AbilityOne program firsthand when she toured Goodwill's [document management](#) facility, where we process over 300,000 medical records for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force annually. Of the 270 individuals employed on this contract, more than 85% of this workforce has a significant disability.



Pictured: Ashlee Vinyard, Chief of Staff for U.S. Representative Lamar Smith (center in photo) touring the Goodwill San Antonio Distribution and Clearance Center with Kevin Bergner, President and CEO of Goodwill San Antonio and Penny Benavidez, Director of Public Relations.

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Eleven Students on Their Way to a Brighter Future

Graduation is such a major life milestone, starting in pre-school through post-secondary education. It is an achievement that not everyone has an opportunity to experience. However, for eleven students from the [Goodwill Good Careers Academy](#), nothing was going to stop them.

Opening the Door of Possibilities

On Friday, April 14, 2017 all their efforts and dedication came to fruition. In front of a full room of family, friends, school faculty and Goodwill leadership they were recognized for their accomplishments.

Good Careers Academy with its affordable program allowed me to have a career in the field that I love and provide a better future for my family.

- Kelsey Estrada, April 2017 Graduate, Nurse's Aide Program



Congratulations to our new Nurse's Aides, Medical Assistants and Computer Support Specialists.

Why Your Donations & Store Purchases Matter

You make this happen. Through your [donations](#) and purchases at our [23 retail stores](#), Goodwill San Antonio is able to provide affordable training programs through its [Good Careers Academy](#).

Goodwill Partners with the Alamo Colleges District to Bring Workforce Training to the Eastside

[Goodwill San Antonio](#) is embarking on a new way to serve the community - partnering with other nonprofit organizations to serve specific populations. You will now find Goodwill San Antonio in the Eastside Education & Training Center (EETC) located at 4551 Dietrich Road, within the Eastside Promise Zone.

The Goodwill San Antonio team provides free case management to the Alamo Colleges District students enrolled in training programs at the EETC. Our goal is to ensure all students enrolled in a training program have the opportunity to complete their course and better their lives through gainful employment.



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Goodwill San Antonio Partners with Palo Alto to Ensure Freshman Success

With many students leaving high school unprepared to enter post-secondary education and/or the workforce, [Goodwill San Antonio](#) developed the Career Navigator Program focused on increasing career awareness, job readiness and college success.

This summer, Palo Alto College, one of the Alamo Colleges, has initiated a summer program for incoming freshman, called the Early Start Program. Through this program, Goodwill San Antonio Career Navigators meet with incoming freshman once a week on campus to explore career options and prepare for their careers.

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Prologis Tours Goodwill Warehouse Facility

On May 19th, [Goodwill San Antonio](#) was proud to host six members from ProLogis as part of their fifth annual IMPACT DAY. ProLogis, the global leader in real estate, takes pride in being a socially responsible citizen, and is committed to improving the communities where they conduct business.

The local ProLogis team started their day with a “behind the scenes” tour of Goodwill San Antonio’s newest and largest multi-use facility located off of Eisenhower Road and IH-35 – a facility which ProLogis also manages, and then spent the remainder of the day in our [online shopping](#) department sorting goods to be sold online. Read how their efforts resulted in the largest auction for Lego mini figures yet!



ProLogis Volunteer project yields nearly \$3,000 in Lego online purchases.

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New Store Opens on the Eastside!

Our [newest store and donation station](#) recently opened its doors to the Eastside community of San Antonio. Customers began lining up in the early morning on Thursday, May 25th for the ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony led by [Goodwill San Antonio](#) President and CEO, Kevin J. Bergner. The energy of the Eastside was present throughout the weekend with store savings, special events, and great shopping in support of Goodwill's mission to change lives through the power of work.

“With 20 jobs being added to the community, Goodwill is enthusiastic to provide Eastside residents with a new retail destination for bargains on household items, furniture and clothing as well as a convenient donation station to drop off gently used goods. More importantly, every item purchased or donated to Goodwill helps fund training programs and career services including those offered at the Eastside Education and Training Center.”

- Mark McKeever, Goodwill San Antonio Chief Operating Officer.



W.W. White Store and Donation Station team members.

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