

Donation of Luggage Helps Homeland Security

Did you ever wonder how Homeland Security trains their bomb-sniffing dogs? It takes a lot of luggage for the dogs to practice with, and when Homeland Security at RDU International Airport needed luggage, they called on Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina (GIENC®).

"We were wondering how we were going to get enough luggage to do the job," said Todd Voorhis, Transportation Security Inspector (Canine) at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport. "Once the dogs become familiar with a piece of luggage, we can't use it anymore, so we need a lot of luggage. That's when we thought about calling Goodwill." The organization donated 220 pieces of used luggage for use in the training.



Todd Voorhis and his dog examine the donated luggage.

"It was a win-win situation for us," commented Steve Snyderman, director of the

Goodwill Community Foundation. "We had luggage that had been donated to us, but was not in good enough condition to sell. If it had not gone to Homeland Security, it would have ended up in a landfill." The luggage was delivered to Terminal One at RDU International on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

"We are delighted to receive this donation of luggage," said Michael Zunk, Federal Security Director for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport. "Until we contacted Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina, we were not sure how we would get enough luggage needed to keep our dogs trained."

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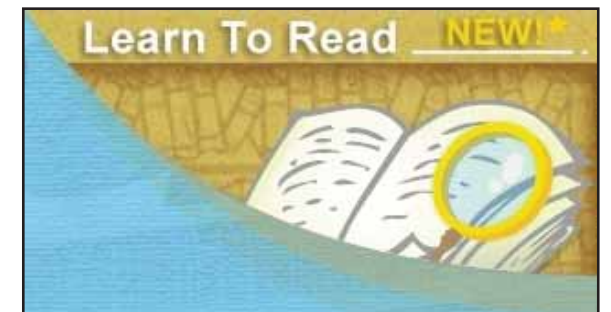
Meredith College students give to GIENC®.

GIENC® donates used luggage to Homeland Security for training.

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New Reading Program Offers Free Help

The number of people in the United States who cannot read is staggering. Over 40 million American adults cannot read at all and over 50 million cannot read higher than a fifth grade level. However 74 percent of people in the United States use the Internet, so it seems to be an excellent tool for helping people improve their literacy skills.



With that in mind, GCFLearnFree.org is now offering a new free Reading Program designed to help struggling adult readers become more proficient with the most common words in the English language.

Built upon the 1,000 most popular words in the English language, this Reading Program utilizes original texts that use these words to help the learner become familiar with conversational English. Learners gain exposure to these words through a number of different interactive tools that help them learn to read.



Those tools are designed in a way that learners can choose how they learn to read. The **Letter Explorer** allows the learner to choose a letter and then see and hear words that contain that letter. The **Word Explorer** allows the learner to pick a category of words, such as sports, and then see a group of words that fits that category. Learners can click on the word to either watch a video about the word, see a picture representing the word, or hear it pronounced. The **Text Explorer** allows the learner to select a category

of words and hear a large section of text about the word. The **Video Explorer** gives the learner the option of seeing a video that defines the word. Finally the **Activities** section contains game-like word activities.

GCFLearnFree.org will continue to develop more sample texts, more categories to choose from and more interactive learning tools, so visit the site often.



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Our Mission...

To create and provide education, employment and life enrichment opportunities for people who desire to improve the quality of their lives.

In Memoriam

Dr. Samuel M. Holton, Director Emeritus

In March 2010 we were saddened by the death of a long-time Board Member. Dr. Samuel M. Holton passed away after a brief illness. At the time of his death he was serving as a Director Emeritus of Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina.

During World War II he served in the US Army Air Corp in India and China as a meteorologist. He began his academic career as a professor at UNC-Chapel Hill in the School of Education in 1948. He retired in 1987.

Dr. Holton joined the Goodwill Board in 1976 and served as a faithful member until his death. He was awarded the Boy Scouts' highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award, by the Oconeechee Council in 1966 for over 30 years of service to the Boy Scouts at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. He also served on the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount and was a member of the Kiwanis Club for more than 50 years. Dr. Holton and his wife Margaret, who survives him, established the Samuel M. Holton Distinguished Professorship in the UNC School of Education. Memorial donations can be made to the School of Education Foundation for that professorship.



Two Assistive Devices for GIENC® Win Awards

Two teams of students, one from Duke University and the other from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have won honors for assistive devices they created for use by program participants at Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina (GIENC®). The awards were for the 2009-2010 AbilityOne Network Design Challenge.

Victor Lieu's team from Duke won second place for its seed planting device (*right, top*) used in the GCF® Nature Center. Participants use templates positioned over seed trays to plant the correct amount of seeds in each section. For some, a seed dispenser makes the job even easier.

Matthew Bostian's team from UNC was a finalist for its time card system (*right, bottom*) used by the GIENC® HOURS Program. That device is helpful in colating pamphlets and time cards that are then placed with the help of the device, into a plastic zip lock bag.

The top three winning teams were honored in early June at the NISH Grassroots Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C.



As School Year Ends, Students Donate to GIENC®

What could be better? College campuses ending their school year and students moving out of the residence halls with too much stuff to take home with them. It's a wonderful opportunity for GIENC® to take in some good donations. When Laura Fieselman, sustainability coordinator at Meredith College in Raleigh, called to see if GIENC® would work with her on taking donations, the answer was yes.

Fieselman, who had coordinated a similar project for a campus on the west coast, was delighted to partner with GIENC®. Her plan called for "reuse bins" to be placed near residence halls on campus for students to place items they did not want to take home with them in the hope that, rather than discarding things, students would place them in those bins as donations.

Student volunteers sorted through the donations. The first priority for donations was the new Daisy Reuse Store (pictured below) on campus. It's a place where students can find, at no charge, things they need among items left behind by previous students. But the



Laura Fieselman (*right*) with two of her student volunteers as they finish collecting donations on the day after graduation.

Daisy Reuse Store has limited space, so Fieselman knew that there would be overflow that would need to go somewhere. GIENC®'s role was to take the items that the Daisy Reuse Store could not handle, including

large items such as furniture, and any other items that were too large to go into the Daisy Reuse Store.

Following graduation, everyone was pleased with the results. Meredith College was happy with lots of items for the Daisy Reuse Store and GIENC® had plenty to take away to sell in one of its stores including sheets, comforters, towels, shelves, televisions and refrigerators.

GIENC® hopes to partner with additional colleges and universities in its service area in the coming years after this successful experience with Meredith College.



Avera Jones, a graduating senior and sustainability volunteer, is interviewed by WRAL-TV about the partnership between Meredith College and GIENC®.