

Filling Stockings for Boys and Girls Clubs

The Goodwill Community Foundation (GCF®) provides financial support to several Boys and Girls Clubs in eastern North Carolina. But beyond that support, GCF® also tries to meet the special needs of the participants in those programs. The holidays offered a perfect opportunity for GCF® to provide some special cheer.

Board members, staff and volunteers stuffed 1,300 stockings for the Boys and Girls Club participants ranging in age from 4 to 16. Assorted age-appropriate toys, activity

books, markers, candy and one dollar in quarters filled each stocking. Fresh apples and oranges will be delivered to the clubs along with the stockings.

Those clubs receiving support from GCF® and stockings are the Edenton/Chowan Boys and Girls Club; the Pitt County/Jarvis Boys and Girls Club; All God's Children in Aulander, NC; the Lenoir Boys and Girls Club; the Henderson Boys and Girls Club; and the Louisburg Boys and Girls Club.



GCF® Board members and executive staff fill stockings destined for the Boys and Girls Clubs in eastern North Carolina.



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Talk to us ...

It is a great pleasure to bring you our newsletter and to keep you updated with what is happening at the Goodwill Community Foundation. If you have questions or comments about our programs or if you would rather not receive the GCF Report, please call (919) 941-9600.

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Do you want to volunteer?

GCF Volunteer Center Offers Many Options



Volunteers check flood buckets to see that they are complete before sealing.

It is the season of the year when minds turn to giving. People begin seeking opportunities to give their time to help others. The GCF Volunteer Center offers numerous ways for individuals and groups to spend quality time volunteering on projects that benefit people throughout eastern North Carolina and the world. Best of all, these opportunities are available year round at our corporate office on Chin Page Road in Durham.

Indoor and outdoor projects are can be worked on, including assembly of flood buckets and other items for disaster victims and Christmas Stockings for Boys and Girls Clubs. That work is done indoors. Our gardens grow food for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, so planting, nurturing and harvesting is done mostly outside. Gardening projects are also available in our large greenhouse.

Because of the variety of volunteer opportunities, the jobs are appropriate for teenagers through senior adults. Volunteers are free to select the jobs for which they feel they are best suited. The GCF Volunteer Center operates Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The needs we are trying to meet are great due to outbreaks of severe weather and a changing economic climate. The work of our volunteers makes a huge difference in the lives of people in need.

Our Mission...

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

To see what the current needs are and to volunteer for a project, call 919-281-9192.



The gardens offer many opportunities for volunteers.

Two More GCF Donation Centers & Stores Open with More Expansion Coming in 2012 to Eastern North Carolina

Following the opening of the Leland GCF Donation Center & Store in the Spring of 2011, two more stores opened in the Fall, bringing the total of GCF Donation Centers & Stores in eastern North Carolina to 33. The two newest stores are located in Holly Springs near Sunset Lake and in Garner near I-40 and Hwy. 42.

Both stores were well-received in their communities by shoppers and donors and by people looking for employment. Whenever we open a new store it brings jobs that pay excellent wages plus full benefits. These jobs are strong additions to the community and are an important part of the mission of Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina (GIENC®).

In 2012 new jobs will be available in Elizabeth City, Fayetteville and Holly Springs as three more GCF Donation Centers and Stores open. The Elizabeth City store will open first, sometime in the spring. It will be followed later by the Fayetteville store and finally with the Holly Springs store.

“We are happy to be adding a store in northeastern North Carolina,” said GIENC® President Dennis McLain. “That store joins the Southern Shores store in that area of the state. We are committed to the people of eastern North Carolina and glad that we are able to expand and add new job opportunities for people who desire to improve the quality of their lives.”



(above) Holly Springs Mayor Dick Sears helps cut the ribbon to open the new Sunset Lake store in his town. (top right) A line forms prior to the opening of the new store located in Garner at I-40 and Hwy. 42. (center right) The new store in Elizabeth City is nearing completion. (bottom right) The Avent Ferry store in Holly Springs is just getting underway. (below) The new Fayetteville store is taking shape.



How Did We Almost Double Our Donation to the Food Bank This Year?

The goal in The Nature Center each year is to increase the amount of produce that is grown and donated to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. We tried several new varieties of fruits and vegetables this year. Our newest variety was the Banana Cantaloupe. It's not your run of the mill cantaloupe, so the insects and disease did not have a chance to find it yet. The volunteers started this cantaloupe from seed and it did quite well in the field, producing large, juicy sweet fruit.

We harvested over 650 pounds of sweet potatoes which we had not grown before. And our blueberries had a bumper crop yielding over 200 pounds. When you think about how small a

blueberry is, you realize how many it takes to total over 200 pounds!

Our success in the greenhouse was the best yet with several varieties of tomatoes grown early in the year. Our new greenhouse crops include acorn and butternut squash, bush beans, peas, sweet potatoes and many herbs that will be used for companion plantings which we hope will deter harmful insects.

The largest yields were from tomatoes, cabbage and sweet potatoes, foods very popular with Food Bank clients. For the year, we have donated 9170 pounds of produce to the Food bank.

