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Charity Organization Helps Create Jobs During Economic Downturn

Local woman finds hope in times of difficulty

KITCHENER (November 23, 2012)- Goodwill Industries is a thrift store chain that helps more than 9,000 people in Southwestern Ontario every year through providing employment and other services. Local Kitchener resident shares her story on how her life has changed for the better, thanks to them.

Goodwill Kitchener staff member Judy Lxxxx discusses her difficulty in getting back into the workforce. She used to be a chef but left her profession in order to care for her mother full-time. When she began to apply for jobs again, she found out no one would hire her due to the prolonged unemployment. This resulted in living under welfare, until Goodwill helped her.

Through Goodwill, Lxxxx completed a three-month training program where you learn how to work again. Taught subjects include preparing resumes, customer service, and changing your attitude and mindset. This was two years ago and she continues to work at Goodwill. Lxxxx is eternally grateful for the chance she was given: "It's been a godsend. I want to do this job for the rest of my life."

Goodwill Industries is a not-for-profit organization that helps individuals who cannot find employment due to some sort of barrier, be it physical, mental, or social. They work at the Goodwill thrift stores where gently used clothing and household items are sold free of HST. The money directly goes to help them and the community. To make a contribution, you can donate new and gently used items to a location near you.

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