

Goodwill Community Meeting Dec. 8, 2014

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Mission: to put people to work. Job creation and employment

Collect items to sell in stores and use money for employment training

1902 founded by a Methodist Minister in Boston.

There are 4 Goodwill regions in State of Georgia.

Goodwill is international.

Goodwill of North Ga founded in 1925.

3 core businesses: retail stores, mission services, facilities services

51 stores in our region.

65 donation centers

No drop boxes are operated by goodwill.

Career services-mission services.

Putting people to work is the goal of Goodwill.

10 career centers in region-open to the public

3 are in DeKalb county

3 additional classroom services

Facilities services

Work out of 9 contract sights

They do cleaning for and deliver packages to places like CDC

Clean about 6 million square ft of office place every day.

Oldest contract is 30 years old and newest 5 years old

Goodwill will send a team to come out and make their services known so that our community can utilize their services.

Have 3 stores and 2 career centers in Dekalb.

They will have a goal for the number of people they serve.

Can take old computer equipment and it will be recycled. You can still get a donation. Cell phones are also taken.

Recycle anything they can't sell.

5 year plan. Place 100,000 north Georgians to work by 2018

### Timeline

Goodwill owns back part of the shopping center.

Store and donation center, with a drive up donation location

Career center will be 2 floors. Job searches, phones, computers, job boards, resource for employers, interview rooms, job fair, classes, run programs out of career centers, certification for different programs.

No charge to employers.

Support center: current Peach Tree Street employees will move here.

About 40 jobs will be added to our community.

Many goodwill trainings will happen at our support Center

Goodwill of North GA is top 5 in country and this center will hosting all in one place.

Complete this time next year. Start with store first and then other buildings will be built.

Summer for store. Fourth Quarter for rest of the buildings.

Very few facilities are built. Most are leased. 2135 Piedmont Rd has a new facility that they built. Much of the materials were recycled. LEAD building and hoping for the same for our building.

Goodwill will advertise for jobs for our store, and even said that they'd let LRSCA know, so that we could let the community know.

Debbie's Dollar store will be opening in the shopping center adjacent.

Goodwill is always looking for donations and partners. Volunteers are welcome-career center and micro business.

Next year goodwill turns 90. Look for a year long celebration.