

Growing GOODWILL

Goodwill Industries of Wayne and Holmes Counties, Inc.

JULY 2013

Annual Meeting on The Patio at The Wooster Inn

On Wednesday, May 8th, the board of trustees, staff, and community supporters of Goodwill Industries gathered on the patio of The Wooster Inn to celebrate the agency's successes of 2012. Nearly a hundred people attended the event, which provided an opportunity to mingle with friends and fellow Goodwill supporters while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres from Certified Angus Beef and The Wooster Inn.

The meeting commenced with the agency financial report for the year 2012, presented by Finance Committee Chair Leo Miller, indicating that the agency is financially sound. Following the report, this year's retiring board trustees were recognized for their contributions to the agency throughout their tenures. Goodwill thanked the following individuals for their service and commitment to the Goodwill board: Thomas Cole, Keith Hancock, James Lanham, Joseph Mast, and Michael Palmer. Incoming board chair Stan Popp also thanked his predecessor, retiring chair Chris Pycraft, for the excellent leadership that he provided throughout the past year.

President Judy Delaney briefly addressed the group, thanking the board, staff, and community supporters for their parts in Goodwill's ability to serve nearly fifteen hundred individuals, with barriers to employment, throughout 2012. Delaney then began the awards ceremony, which recognized a few of these individuals by name. The University of Akron-Wayne College was named the "Award of Merit" winner, while Whitaker-Myers Insurance Group was recognized for its support of Goodwill with the



Chris Pycraft presents Catherine and Thomas Cole with the 2012 "Chair's Volunteers" award.

"Distinguished Service Award." Thomas and Catherine Cole were named the 2012 "Chair's Volunteers" in recognition of their commitment to the agency in a variety of capacities throughout the years.

The evening ended with the recognition of Goodwill staff members Linda Kain and Denise Wilson. Warehouse processor Linda Kain accepted the 2012 "Graduate of the Year" award, while Millersburg store clerk Denise Wilson was named the 2012 "Employee of the Year." Goodwill appreciates all its associates for their hard work and dedication to the mission!

Planning for the Future

At Goodwill Industries, there are several ways to designate your planned gift. Goodwill offers donors the opportunity to designate funds in several functional areas to fit those issues that they care about the most. At the time a donor makes a planned gift, the donor may choose to enter into an agreement with Goodwill which designates how that gift is to be used. This wish may also be included in the donor's will.

Unrestricted: A gift that can be used for any legitimate agency need can be made directly to Goodwill. The gift can be structured in any way the donor wishes, including restrictions on how much interest can be used per fiscal year. Donations can also be made directly to the Wayne County Community Foundation, which holds an account in trust for Goodwill.

Restricted: A gift can be made to one of five functional areas: Job Coaching, Education and Training, Internships, New Programs, and Infrastructure. The gift can be structured in any way the donor wishes, including restrictions on how much interest can be used per fiscal year.

For additional information regarding Goodwill's Planned Giving Program, contact Susan Gorman at 330-264-1300 ext. 222.



Goodwill Consumer Spotlight: Jamie French



Jamie French is a thoughtful, passionate, determined young woman. Just nineteen years old when a 2008 car accident near her home in Rittman claimed the life of her coworker and left her with a traumatic brain injury, Jamie is a testament to the power of positive thinking.

After her accident, Jamie spent six weeks at Akron City Hospital followed by nearly three years in rehabilitation facilities, where she received intensive therapy to regain skills such as writing and speaking. At the second rehabilitation facility, Jamie became acquainted with an art instructor named Leila from the University of Akron, whose husband had also suffered a traumatic brain injury. Over the course of several months, Jamie and Leila formed a friendship. During one of her visits, Leila brought along her art supplies and suggested that Jamie might enjoy painting, encouraging her to try watercolor pencils. According to Jamie, she was never very artistic before her accident, but when she gave it a try, she found she really enjoyed painting with watercolor pencils.

Jamie's parents and older sister recognized how important her watercolor hobby had become to her, so when she returned home in the summer of 2011, her family set up a large art table with supplies in her bedroom. Now when Jamie has an idea for a painting, she tells her mother, who

starts the creation by drawing an outline with Jamie's direction. Jamie takes three to four days to complete a picture, normally working on at least two designs at a time, and she includes a spiritual message on most of her creations. When she is finished with a work, her mother matts and frames the prints. Jamie has also decorated recipe boxes, wine boxes, and tissue boxes, and she even designed Christmas cards one year for her mother's employer.

As she assimilated back into her life at home, Jamie became acquainted with Goodwill's training programs through the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. When Goodwill Case Manager Laura Sanders started working with Jamie, she immediately realized how passionate Jamie was about her spiritual watercolor creations. While Jamie's favorite things to paint include lighthouses, zebras, and frogs, Laura explains, "she uses all her senses to get in touch with her creative side, and she finds inspiration in her surroundings."

Over the course of their months together, Laura and Jamie worked with other members of Goodwill's employment training team to develop a customized employment plan for Jamie based on her individual skills and interests. Jamie and Laura's ultimate goal is to establish an avenue for Jamie to sell her artwork, providing her an opportunity to earn

money and experience the sense of pride and accomplishment that comes from doing something that you love. Jamie, with support from the Rehabilitation Services Commission, is in the process of starting a company to be named *Let Your Light Shine Designs* (www.letyourlightshinedesigns.webs.com), and they would eventually like to offer visitors the ability to purchase her works through the website.

For now, Jamie's works are available for purchase at Anna's Gifts of Grace in Rittman or by special order. The Rittman community has embraced Jamie and her venture. At a special "Meet the Artist" reception in June, members of the faith community, local business owners, and other members of the Rittman community gathered at the event to raise awareness and show their support.

In her first month selling her artwork at Anna's Gifts of Grace, Jamie sold four paintings, and she described the sense of pride she felt when she cashed her consignment check and paid for some new outfits out of her own pocket. As she explains, Jamie feels very fortunate that she is able to do something that brings her joy, and she remains grateful to Leila, who opened her mind to a new and rewarding passion. Jamie's optimism serves as an inspiration to everyone who is in her life.



President Judy Delaney Recognized as 2013 ATHENA Award Winner

On Tuesday, May 14th, community members gathered at The Wooster Inn patio to honor Goodwill Industries of Wayne and Holmes Counties President Judy Delaney as the 2013 ATHENA Award winner. Also recognized as Young Professional ATHENA Award Winner was Deanna Troutman, Goodwill Trustee since 2010 and Development Committee Chair. Presented locally since 1991 by the Wayne County Women's Network, the prestigious ATHENA Award is bestowed upon female leaders in Wayne County who have been nominated by their colleagues in recognition of their inclusiveness and achievements within family, business, and community.

Outgoing Goodwill Chairman Christopher Pycraft presented Judy with her award, and both women were presented with a beautiful ATHENA sculpture. According to the Wayne County Women's Network, the sculpture was "inspired by the

dynamic goddess of Greek mythology known for her strength, courage, wisdom, and enlightenment — qualities needed for great leadership... The cut crystal symbolizes the many facets of human character and light emanating from the recipient, and the outstretched arms...can be seen to express inclusiveness, the celebration of achievement and outreach to others." In their remarks to the group, which included many of the twenty-two previous local Athena Award winners, both Judy and Deanna thanked their mothers and their families for their support.

ATHENA International is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting, developing, and honoring women leaders; creating balance in leadership worldwide; and inspiring women to achieve their full potential. The ceremony was sponsored by Wayne County Women's Network, Medina County Women's Network, Shisler's Cheese House, Bill Cross,



Deanna Troutman and Judy Delaney

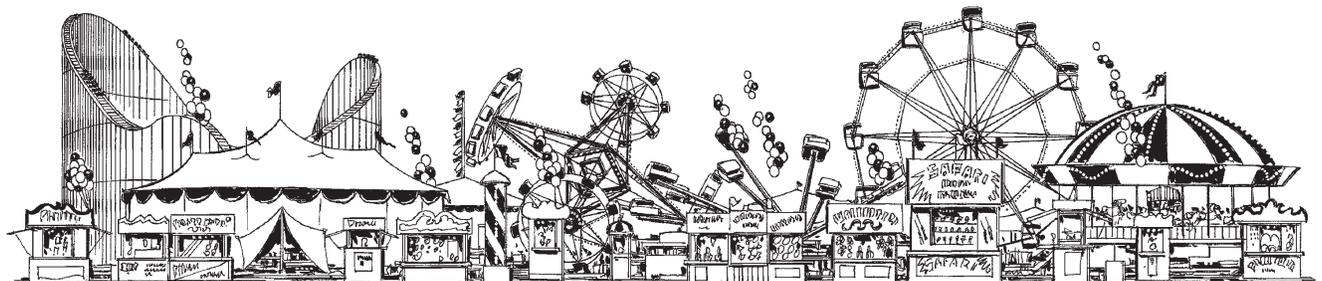
Wooster Area Young Professionals, Lincoln Interiors, and Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, with additional support from The Bouquet Shop, Murr Printing and Graphics, and The Wooster Inn.

Help Goodwill During Fair Week, September 7-12

The Wayne County Fair is Ohio's largest county fair, drawing over a hundred thousand visitors each year to enjoy the sights, sounds, and culinary delights. This year the fair will be held September 7th to 12th, and people will come from Wayne County and beyond to take in everything the fair has to offer. But did you know that the fair also provides an opportunity for Wayne County residents to support Goodwill? Each year, Bret Defibaugh and Ted Riehardt, owners of the West Lincoln Way Drive Thru, open up the parking lot to fairgoers during fair week to benefit a local charity. This year, as was the case in 2012, Goodwill Industries of Wayne and Holmes Counties is the lucky recipient of this generous offer! For a small fee, drivers can park in the lot directly across the

street from the fairgrounds, and all the proceeds go toward your local Goodwill in support of employment training programs.

We need your help to ensure that fair week is a success for Goodwill Industries. We are seeking volunteers to help us staff the parking lot throughout the week. Your contribution of just two hours collecting fees and parking cars will help make sure this fundraiser is successful. Also during fair week, remember to check out the West Lincoln Way Drive Thru lot, where your parking fee will benefit our agency! If you would be interested in volunteering, or if you would like any additional information, please contact Cyndi O'Donnell at codonnell@woostergoodwill.org.



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