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May 1 – May 7 marks Goodwill Industries Week. You know Goodwill. They're the charity where you donate all those things that have outgrown your home. They also have all those stores where you can find some great deals on someone else's donated things. But, do you know why Goodwill accepts your donations? Do you know where the proceeds from those retail sales go?

Simply put – they help people find jobs. Not just any people – people who live in our community, people whose kids go to our schools, people who are sitting next to you on the subway or standing next to you in the grocery store.

Goodwill of Greater Washington's primary mission is to provide free job training and employment services to people with disadvantages and disabilities. Their goal is to give the populations they serve the tools they need to become self-sufficient.

This year, Goodwill will be opening *The Goodwill Excel Center* in Washington, DC. It's the first adult charter high school to award a high school diploma and industry recognized credentials rather than a GED. Students will receive the resources and support needed to earn a high school diploma and post-secondary education while developing career paths that present greater employment and career growth opportunities. In addition to the academic curriculum, the Goodwill Excel Center will provide a free, on-site drop-in child development center, transportation assistance and life coaching, while emphasizing a school-work-life balance through flexible scheduling, extended hours and year-round terms.

In 2015, Goodwill directly affected the lives of more than 2,000 of our neighbors. These are people who have discovered the dignity that comes with being a contributing member of our society. Goodwill also diverted over 28 million pounds of material from local landfills through their donated goods program.

In addition to training and placing people into jobs, providing consumers with access to quality, low cost merchandise, and acting as one our region's largest recyclers, Goodwill is also a job developer. With each new store and donation center that Goodwill opens, 25-30 new jobs are created. As a matter of fact, Goodwill's newest store in Bowie, MD created 50 new jobs!

Goodwill of Greater Washington's mission is summed up by its tagline - "Transforming lives and communities through the power of education and employment". Now you know how they do it. If you could walk in someone else's shoes for just one day would you help them?

<http://youtu.be/G9YMOOARP8Q>

If you'd like to learn more about Goodwill of Greater Washington, find their [nearest store or donation center](#), or [get involved](#), please visit www.dcgoodwill.org or download their free [mobile app](#) from the iTunes app store. To learn more about the Goodwill Excel Center visit www.goodwillexcelcenter.org.