

# Visitor

### **Shoe and Mitten Parties**

The holiday season is right around the corner, and with it, frigid temperatures upon us. This year Goodwill will be providing over 3,000 children throughout our territory with new shoes, socks, a warm hat, and mittens. Seventeen Shoe and Mitten Parties will be taking place this year between December 1-15th. This heart-warming tradition has been going for over 70 years thanks to trusted volunteers and donors.

The children we serve come from all different backgrounds. Some come in wearing the same shoes they received the year before. Others come in with no socks and shoes with holes covering the soles. We never ask questions, parents register their children based on need.

As you can imagine, a project of this size does not happen without the help of generous donors. All items have been ordered at a cost of \$25 per child. A donation to our Shoe and Mitten Party will help purchase items to be given to children in our communities. Donations can be made online by visiting www.goodwillgreatplains.org/donateforshoes.





#### **New Retail Store**

A new Goodwill retail store opened in Rapid City, SD on October 3rd. Located at 611 Timmons Blvd, known as the Rapid Valley region, and is a second location in Rapid City for the agency. John Hantla, President and CEO, shares "We are excited to have a second location in the vibrant community of Rapid City, SD. When community members shop Goodwill retail stores, they are helping fulfill Goodwill's mission of helping individuals build their pathway to work. This new location will not only help fund additional local mission programming but will provide mission programming in the future."

The Timmons Blvd location is conveniently located near Ellsworth Air Force Base, a fast developing neighborhood and other local businesses. Goodwill appreciates the continued support through donations and shopping the treasures to be found each day.



### 100 Years of Hantla Leadership

The Hantla family has spent 100 years serving Goodwill's mission of helping people become self-sufficient through employment and education. To honor the family's dedication to Goodwill, a surprise Open House was held on October 22nd to celebrate.

John's response to the celebration was "It was a total surprise. I had no idea. It's not about me or my family but the opportunity to be here has been wonderful for me, personally, fulfilling Goodwill's mission of helping others become independent through

become independent throug employment and support services has been a really impactful mission for us."



### **End-Of-Year Shredding**

Many people try to consolidate or eliminate unnecessary documents to prepare for the new year. Tossing documents with sensitive information in the garbage makes them vulnerable to theft and adds trash to our landfills.

GoodShred is ready to help you start the New Year right with secure document destruction. We responsibly shred and recycle documents to keep them out of landfills, allowing us to support individuals in Goodwill programs at the same time!

For more call Elthea at 855-348-5352 or visit www.goodwillgreatplains.org/goodshred.



## **Goodwill**JOB CENTER

#### **Job Fairs**

Each Fall, Goodwill Job Centers host a Job Fair with several local employers. Job seekers are able to network with local organizations to discuss job openings and interview if interested. Below are numbers of job seekers attending each event.

Sioux Falls - 39 Job Seekers

Sioux City - 26 Job Seekers

Rapid City - 128 Job Seekers

For more information on Job Centers, please visit www.goodwillgreatplains.org.