

Mary Clayton

#WhyGoodwill



In 1975, Mary Clayton was looking to change her direction of life when she came upon a job at Goodwill. She thought about it for a couple of days because she knew that this new job would be a challenge for her. Finally, she decided to accept the challenge in hopes of improving her life. Yes, Mary Clayton has worked at Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA for 42 years!

There were 8 people working at the first Goodwill store to open in Huntington, including Mary. When asked what made this job so special to her, she responded with, “The way we all got along! It was a delight to be with those other people, and I was smiling all day long. I’ve been happy here ever since then.” She continues to work at the Virginia Avenue location, and her love for Goodwill has not died down at all.

Mary’s main job at Goodwill is processing and hanging donated items; but her work doesn’t stop there. “You tell me what to do and I’ll do it for ya,” she says as she describes her daily duties. She comes in every day with a positive attitude and works hard until everything gets done. Her co-workers had nothing but great and positive things to say about Mary! They talked about her love and passion for Goodwill, her smile and her care for others. Mary loves to work with different people every day and accomplish her goals. She also explained that she tries to put everyone else in a good mood, because it makes the atmosphere a lot better.

When Mary was asked how Goodwill has helped her throughout the years, she exclaimed, “Goodwill has helped me a whole lot. It has improved my life all around.” She said that the past 42 years at Goodwill have helped her become a happier person, both when she’s at work and when she is off the clock. She said, “I am now a much more pleasant person, and everyone in my life can tell a difference.”

Her best life advice is, “Try to get along with everybody; it will make you a lot happier. You also never know what someone is going through.” Way to go, Mary!