

Jennifer Johnson

#WhyGoodwill



After being a stay-at-home mom and out of the work force for six and a half years, Jennifer Johnson decided to start looking for a job. After searching for a job that would work with her busy schedule, she finally found Goodwill! It was important for her to be part-time so that she could still spend time with her daughter. She loves how Goodwill is family-oriented and that she has the ability to have a flexible schedule so that she can still be there for her daughter. “It is nice to have a job where they really care about you, not only when you are at work, but just in general in your day-to-day life. They want you to be happy with your home life too.”

In fact, Jennifer’s daughter had the privilege of being Goodwill’s CEO for the day last year. She exclaimed, “It meant so much to us. Not many places will take the time to make their employees and their kids feel special. It means a lot to me that they took the time to make that happen.”

Since she started working, she learned about all Goodwill does in the community. She said “I had no idea about all of the different programs. I am all about helping the community. It gives you a sense of pride and makes you feel good to be able to help people. It is not just a job, it has a lasting impact.” Her surrounding co-workers gave her the confidence she needed after being out of the work force for so long. Now, Jennifer is the store manager of our 9th Avenue Goodwill store!

Jennifer received encouragement and gained the skills that she needed, to be a great employee. Her team helped her to develop the skills she needed to work efficiently, and eventually learned what it takes to become a manager. She began getting more involved and ultimately decided to go full-time. She has been at Goodwill for over two years now, and has worked her way up to store manager at 9th Avenue in Huntington.

Now, her favorite parts about working at Goodwill are meeting new people and seeing the direct impact that Goodwill makes in the community. She emotionally stated, “One night an individual came in during the middle of winter and did not have a blanket. I called my supervisor and was given the approval to assist the individual and provide a warm blanket, jacket and whatever else was needed. No questions asked! It is awesome that we have the ability to do this!”

For those that are seeking work, Jennifer advises them to start with Goodwill. She said, “It is a great place to start and they help give you the skills and tools you need to succeed. They also offer classes to staff at no cost.” She recommends the job training programs that Goodwill offers to individuals who are looking for work. She said that it is a great way to better yourself and that Goodwill wants you to succeed. Jennifer said, “Sometimes they hire you to stay at Goodwill, and if not, they prepare you for a job somewhere else. There is nowhere else out there that will help you like Goodwill.”