

Dakota Blankenship

#WhyGoodwill



Two years ago, Dakota Blankenship started the Goodwill training program through the Career Center & Employment Services at Virginia Avenue. She was looking for a job and received an interview with the Barbourville Goodwill store. Now, Dakota and her sister Amber are currently working at the Barbourville store and loving every minute of it! A normal day for Dakota consists of working the cash register, hanging up newly processed clothing and keeping the sales floor neat & clean. But what Dakota is well known for is her ability to put a smile on every customers face! She welcomes every person that walks in the front door and always has a HUGE smile on her face.

When asked what she has learned at Goodwill Dakota said, “I used to be bad at organizing, but now I am very good at it through all of the new skills that I have learned. I also get to train new cashiers and I truly enjoy it. It makes me happy to teach someone else something new.” She is eager and excited to be able to learn new things while working retail.

Dakota likes working at Goodwill because she gets to meet new people every day. It is important for her to be able to bring joy and laughter to customers. With excitement she said, “I used to be shy, but not anymore!” She enjoys getting to know customers names and hearing about their day. Most of all, she truly loves making customers laugh. Dakota wants people to remember to always keep your head held high and to never give up!