Many people know Goodwill Industries, Inc., Serving Eastern Nebraska and Southwest Iowa, (Goodwill Omaha) as a place to donate gently used clothing and household items or to find great bargains. But you might not know the mission at the heart of our organization: We provide job training and placement services to people with disabilities and other disadvantages or barriers to employment.

The sale of donated items sold in Goodwill retail stores supports our mission programs. Here’s how: People in the community donate gently used items to Goodwill. We sell those donated items in our retail stores. The proceeds from those sales subsidize our employment programs and services, giving thousands of individuals in the Omaha area the chance to earn a living, discover independence and succeed in life.

Goodwill provides opportunities through a variety of programs, including the following:

**YouthBuild AmeriCorps**
Funded in part by the U.S. Department of Labor, YouthBuild AmeriCorps is a program for disadvantaged and at-risk youth ages 16 to 24 years old who have struggled with school, are underemployed or don’t have high school diplomas. YouthBuild participants receive construction education and training, earn their GED, and receive leadership training and ongoing support from our team. YouthBuild AmeriCorps is a proud partner of the American Job Center Network.

**Employment Solutions**
Goodwill’s Employment Solutions program is designed to help people with disabilities and other disadvantages get the job training, certification and skills they need to find independence and success through work. Then, we connect participants with our local business clients to place them in jobs, and we provide ongoing support and retention services for both our program participants and our clients. It’s a win–win.

**Community Service Opportunities**
Goodwill offers community service opportunities for individuals required to fulfill court-ordered community service hours, as well as opportunities for high school students required to perform community service in order to graduate. This program has a presence at several of our locations.

**Work Experience**
Goodwill’s Work Experience program offers special-education students nearing the completion of high school the opportunity to gain exposure to work situations in supportive environments. This program is often their first step in making the transition from an educational setting to the professional working world, and it can improve their chance of successful job placement. Students are referred to Work Experience by their school districts and have the opportunity to work a variety of jobs within the Goodwill organization.

**AbilityOne**
Goodwill’s AbilityOne program provides part-time job opportunities for individuals with disabilities in supportive, team-oriented work environments at several federal properties. Employment opportunities are available at Offutt Air Force Base and U.S. Strategic Command in Bellevue; the Zorinsky Federal Building in Omaha; and the Denney Federal Building in Lincoln. Positions include custodial and postal services. All AbilityOne participants work with Goodwill Omaha’s team to help ensure successful placements.

Welcome to Goodwill Omaha
Goodwill Omaha turns your Donations into Jobs for People in the Community.

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Goodwill Industries, Inc., Serving Eastern Nebraska and Southwest Iowa, is a private, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency governed by a local board of trustees. We are a member agency of Goodwill Industries International of Gaithersburg, Maryland, and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

For more information about Goodwill’s programs and our 18 convenient locations in Omaha, Bellevue, Papillion, Fremont, Blair, Gretna and Council Bluffs, please visit GoodwillOmaha.org.