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Goodwill Destiny: A Father-Son Reunion

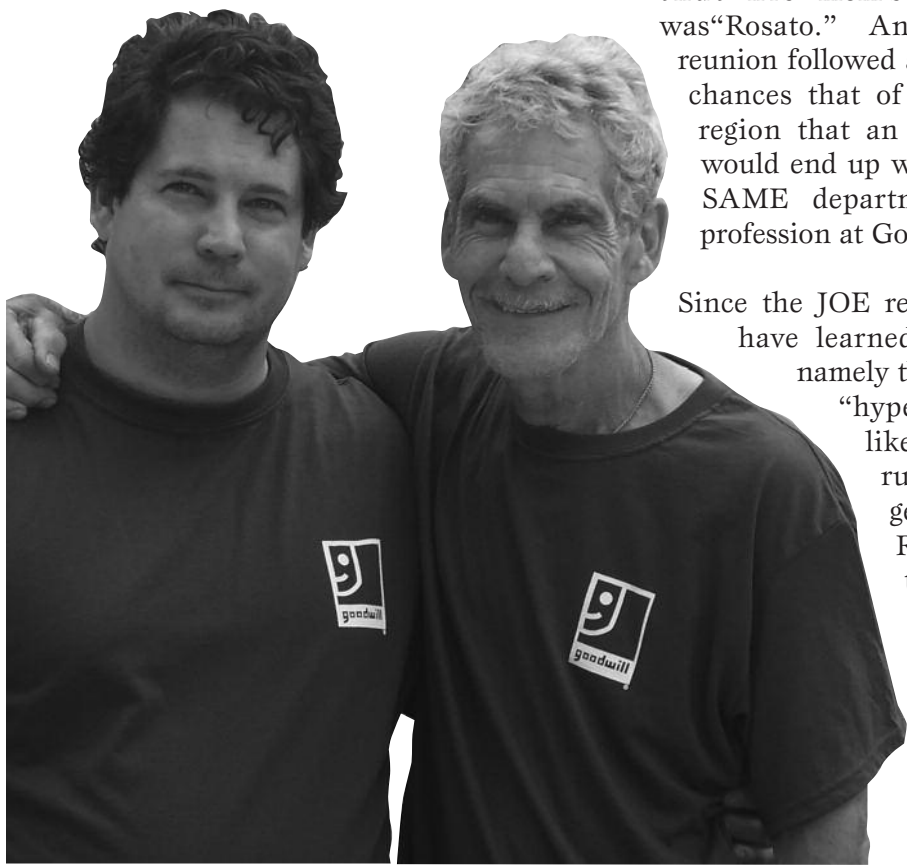
Thirty-four years ago, Joe Rosato's wife left him and disappeared with his two young children. Rosato eventually remarried and welcomed four sons into the world. But since then, he has suffered from depression, substance abuse and even homelessness. Things started to look up for Rosato, now 59 and living in Oaklyn, when he was offered a job as a truck driver at Goodwill in 2006.

Fast forward to today. Three years after he was hired by Goodwill, Rosato is introduced to a new truck driver named Joe at Goodwill's Retail

Operations Center (ROC) in Pennsauken. From the instant he sees him, Rosato feels like he knows him—and goose bumps run up and down his whole body. Joe Woods of Williamstown feels the same way. Both men immediately check out each other's last names on time cards. And then it clicks. Joe Rosato remembers that his ex-wife remarried a man with the last name "Woods." **JOE WOODS IS HIS LONG LOST SON WHO HE HAS NOT SEEN IN 34 YEARS!** At about the same time, Joe Woods is in another area of Goodwill's 25,000 square foot warehouse when he realizes that his mom's last name before "Woods" was "Rosato." An unlikely, one-of-a-kind reunion followed at Goodwill. What were the chances that of all the employers in this region that an estranged father and son would end up working **TOGETHER** in the **SAME** department and in the **SAME** profession at Goodwill?

Since the **JOE** reunion, the father and son have learned lots about each other—namely that they both have the same "hyper" tendencies. "He's just like me but younger—always running around, anxious to get work done," said Joe Rosato. Both say it was destiny that brought them together at Goodwill and that they will continue to catch up on the last 34 years!

The captivating story about Joe Woods (l) and Joe Rosato's (r) Goodwill reunion was recently featured on Action News.



End of the Year Donations



If you're looking for a quick yet meaningful and **GREEN** end-of-the-year tax deduction, please consider donating to Goodwill. Simply clean out your closets, basements, garages, and even underneath your kids' beds and donate unwanted or underused items to Goodwill. We'll recycle them and use proceeds from their sale to fund job training programs that help put local residents with disabilities and disadvantages to work. In today's economy, Goodwill is more important than ever before!

For every bag of clothing you donate, Goodwill generates approximately \$60—enough to provide four hours of job coaching to an individual with a disability who has been placed into competitive employment for the first time.

For your convenience, Goodwill operates 20 local donation centers—all staffed by Goodwill representatives who will help you unload and issue you a receipt for tax purposes. For an updated listing of Goodwill donation centers and hours of operation, please visit www.goodwillnj.org or call 856-439-0200. For assistance in calculating the worth of your material donation, please visit www.irs.gov.

Free From Public Assistance At Last

Forty-four-year old Philadelphia resident Adrienne Patterson spent more than half of her life on public assistance and battling drug addiction. All of this while raising seven children on her own. August 2004 was the turning point. That was when she enrolled in Goodwill's Commercial Drivers License-Class B (CDL-B) Training Program and met Instructor Mary Cunningham—someone Adrienne credits with "changing her life forever."

Through a contract with the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation (PWDC), Goodwill provides CDL-B Training for 50 clients each year. Most are transitioning off public assistance; others are displaced workers. The intensive 13-week course includes classroom instruction in Goodwill's Stratford Training Center and behind-the-wheel training. In the end, students are proficient in all of the

rules and regulations outlined by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and well prepared to take the PA Class B Driving Exam. Those who pass this exam become fully licensed to drive air brake-endorsed vehicles including commercial buses, school buses, delivery trucks and limos.

Adrienne Patterson passed her PA Class B Driving Exam on the first attempt. She was immediately hired by Yellowbird Bus Company. After three years, she took a job as a SEPTA bus driver. Her union position provides a competitive salary and full benefits—enabling her to support her family and serve as a role model for her children.

"CDL-B training was a demanding, fast-paced program," said Adrienne. "There were many days when I just wanted to bail out completely

but Mary (instructor) always knew exactly what to say to get me back on course. I wouldn't be where I am now if it wasn't for Goodwill and Mary."

According to Adrienne, there is no looking back now. "I am free from public assistance forever." And just last month, Adrienne bought her first house!



Golden Corral Partnership

Many thanks to the Golden Corral Restaurant in Audubon, NJ for partnering with Goodwill! During recent grand opening festivities, the restaurant collected financial donations to fund Goodwill's job training programs for people with disabilities. In addition to presenting Goodwill with a \$1,000 check, Golden Corral has extended catering discounts to Goodwill, distributed discount coupons to Goodwill shoppers and opened its doors for "job shadowing" to students enrolled in Goodwill's School-to-Work Program.

Photo Caption: From l. to r.: Golden Corral Restaurant Manager Juan Rojas, Cherry Hill Regional Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Art Campbell, Golden Corral VP of Operations David Webb and Goodwill President & CEO Mark Boyd at Golden Corral's grand opening festivities.



Boeing Invests in E-Books Program

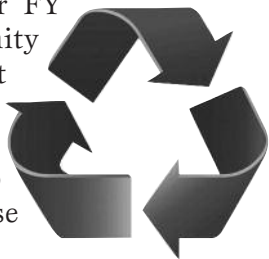


The Boeing Company Charitable Trust recently awarded a \$13,185 grant to fund start up costs for Goodwill's eBooks Program. Specifically, the funds will be used to purchase necessary supplies and equipment that will enable Goodwill to begin selling gently-used donated books online. This new business line will be operated by participants in Goodwill's Ex-Offender Re-entry Program as a means of preparing them for competitive employment in the community. Many thanks to the Boeing Company Charitable Trust for supporting Goodwill's mission of putting people to work.

Report to the Community

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Goodwill is all about going green! To save money and trees, our FY 2009 Report to the Community will soon be posted at www.goodwillnj.org in PDF format. We'll also be printing a limited quantity. If you'd like to receive a copy by mail, please call 856-439-0200, ext. 224.



Clothing Drive Kudos

Many thanks to the following local companies and organizations for hosting Goodwill clothing drives. Through the sale of gently-used donations, Goodwill generates revenue to support its high caliber employment training programs for local residents with disabilities and disadvantages. If you'd like to host a Goodwill clothing drive to support this mission, please call 856/439-0200, ext. 224 or e-mail mpolizzi@goodwillnj.org.

- Bon-Ton, Brick, NJ
- Camden County Health Services, Blackwood, NJ
 - Canon Financial Services, Mt. Laurel, NJ
 - Collingswood Community Day
 - Haddonfield Women's Club
 - Hammonton Green Day Event
- Jewish Federation of Eastern Monmouth County
 - Lockheed Martin, Moorestown, NJ (*on-going*)
 - Macy's, Moorestown Mall
- Metrologic Instruments, Blackwood, NJ (*on-going*)
 - Powers Kirn, Moorestown, NJ
 - The Ben Franklin House, Philadelphia
 - The Dorchester, Philadelphia (*on-going*)
 - The Philadelphian (*on-going*)
- United Methodist Church, Swedesboro, NJ
- Valero Refining Company, Paulsboro, NJ
- WB Mason, Pennsauken, NJ & Philadelphia

Financial Contributions

Everything Goodwill does is geared at helping people get to work! If you'd like to make a financial donation to fund Goodwill's job training programs that prepare local residents with disabilities and disadvantages for competitive employment, please send it to:

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COMING SOON

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