



The Connection



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Observing Memorial Day

A Note From the President/CEO . . .

During this time of remembrance, it is important to reflect upon our freedom -- appreciate those that have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our democracy. While you are enjoying a day off from work, take a moment and give thanks for those that fought and those that continue to fight for our country.

God Bless America

WHAT'S NEW IN RETAIL

*An Expansion on
the Forefront . . .*



Retail is excited to be expanding! At this time, Retail is reviewing a possible expansion in Jackson County. Stay-tuned for more information as it develops! GIKV looks forward to being able to share the Goodwill mission with more of the general public.



CARF

What is it? What does it mean to me?



Founded in 1966 and headquartered in Tucson, AZ - CARF [Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities] is an independent, nonprofit organization that works to promote quality, value and optimal outcomes of services to enhance the lives of persons served. **A certification by CARF means quality assurance.** GIKV recently underwent a rigorous peer review process and demonstrated to CARF Surveyors that our programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

CARF awarded GIKV a 3-year accreditation in the areas of Employment Services: Community Employment Services; Job Development; Job Supports; Job-Site Training; Employee Development Services; and Organizational Employment Services. This accreditation outcome is the highest level awarded to an organization! GIKV has been continuously accredited by CARF since 2002. **The seal of CARF accreditation is the industry gold standard and enables consumers to be assured of the best practices for quality, services and personnel.** GIKV is proud to be among those bearing CARF certification.

For more information on CARF see www.carf.org

EE&T



Goodwill Week Enjoyed!



Receiving More Referrals -- Offering Life Skills

EE&T has been receiving and processing more client referrals from DRS -- 17 new referrals in the past three weeks. This is great news! Further, EE&T has been approved to offer a Life Skills Program on an individualized basis; providing necessary education for work readiness. We look forward to continuing to provide job training and job opportunities to people with disabilities.



THANK YOU



Goodwill Week May 6th -11th provided a super opportunity to share the news of our mission and appreciate our customers, clients, employees and stakeholders. Many special events [including an ice cream social, retail gift drawings and customer appreciation refreshments] were planned and enjoyed by all that participated. For detail of the events check the website: www.goodwillkv.com

WQBE Radio Remote held LIVE at GIKV 11 AM - 2 PM Thursday May 24, 2007



★ Cross Lanes Girl Scout Troop collects donations for 'Good Turn for Goodwill' project



Our Mission



Community Relations Working with Black Diamond Girl Scouts on 'Good Turn for Goodwill' Service Project

Kathy McKinley, Director of Community Relations has been working with local Black Diamond Girl Scouts to spread the word about Goodwill. Over 70 scouts from 4 counties, have participated in the learning activities and donation drives. Goodwill is proud to be offering this educational opportunity and would like to thank the Black Diamond Council for the support of our mission! For more information on the 'Good Turn for Goodwill' program contact Kathy at (304) 346-0811 or kmckinley@goodwillkv.com.

The mission of Goodwill Industries of Kanawha Valley, Inc., is to assist persons with disabilities or those who are otherwise vocationally disadvantaged to achieve full participation and integration into society.

Let Freedom Ring

For more information on Goodwill and its programs contact (304) 346-0811 or www.goodwillkv.com



Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

Take a moment to honor those that have served our country.