



Item:

Goodwill Industries of North Florida & TeensWork Alachua Program Update

Requested Action:

Receive the information

Background:

Goodwill Industries of North Florida is local not-for-profit organization that removes barriers to employment through training, education and career opportunities for the communities they serve. Goodwill operates a 14-county region in northeast Florida, which includes Alachua County.

Goodwill offers entry-level to professional positions to career seekers from diverse backgrounds and employment challenges. These populations include individuals working below poverty guidelines, those experiencing homelessness, returning citizens, single parents, and low-income teens and pre-teens as well as individuals with documented disabilities. Every employee has access to training in employability skills, customer services and management skills to create essential work history required to move on to greater employment opportunities.

Through its donated goods retail stores, Goodwill reinvests 91-cents of every dollar earned back into the community through its mission services department and for the last 20-years Goodwill's GoodCareer Centers offers residents in Alachua County free access to job search assistance, interview skills, computer skills, and resume writing. Those seeking immediate employment can be hired onsite through Goodwill Temps Training and Staffing Agency. Partner companies can hire Goodwill temp staff without a conversion fee as the objective is to find permanent employment for all who come to Goodwill.

During FY22 Goodwill was awarded funds to support the implementation of TeensWork Alachua (TWA) – Summer Youth Employment program. Goodwill is currently in its third year of funding for the TWA program.

Today's presentation will summarize Goodwill's presence in Alachua County and a review of TWA's fall and summer programming.

Attachments:

TWA Presentation

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 2: Children and youth learn what they need to be successful.

Fiscal Impact:

FY 24 - \$900,000

Recommendation:

Receive the information