



Good News from **Goodwill** Industries of Northeastern PA

December 2025

Find out the latest news and happenings from Goodwill Industries of Northeastern Pennsylvania.



Your Generosity Does a World of Good!

Give new life to your gently used household items, clothing, shoes, decor, and art by donating them to your local Goodwill Industries of NEPA store!

It's a simple, environmentally friendly way to extend the life of your belongings and provide life-changing opportunities for individuals in our local community. Click [here](#) to find a store near to donate.



Success Story: Cody S. □

Back in September, Cody S. took a bold step forward by joining Goodwill's First Step Act Initiative, and he hasn't looked back since! In October, he jumped into Smith and Solomon's eight-week CDL-A training program, determined to earn his license and start a new chapter with Superior Sealcoating and Paving.

What stands out most about Cody is his attitude. He shows up ready to work, stays focused on his goals, and treats everyone with respect. He's positive, motivated, and honestly just a joy to have around.

The First Step Act Initiative awarded federal grant funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry to Pennsylvania Goodwills across the commonwealth. The ReSTART Statewide Reentry Program helps participants restore confidence and financial independence, successfully transition back to their communities, and positively contribute to Pennsylvania's workforce.

We're excited to cheer Cody on as he finishes his training and takes the next big step toward his future. Way to go, Cody — keep up the great work!

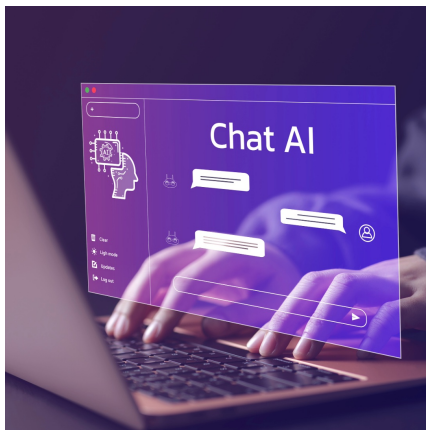


Goodwill receives donation from Scranton Area Community Foundation

Goodwill Industries of NEPA has received \$2,000 in grant funding from the Scranton Area Community Foundation to help fund improvements to its Community Participation Supports (CPS) program space in Dickson City.

The funding will help Goodwill Industries of NEPA repair and refinish existing flooring to create a safe and accessible space that improves mobility for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who participate in the CPS program.

Goodwill's CPS program is a licensed day service designed to enhance an individual's independent skills both in the center and in the community.



Learn about artificial intelligence during Lunch & Learn series

Are you tired of hearing about artificial intelligence (AI) without knowing how it actually applies to you? Join Goodwill Industries of NEPA for a series of Lunch & Learn sessions and learn how AI is for everyone—no tech experience needed. Upcoming sessions include:

- AI for Resumes & Cover Letters, January 8, 2026
- AI Tools: Soft Skills that Get You Hired, February 5, 2026
- AI & Self Advocacy: Navigating Disability Disclosure & Accommodations, March 5, 2026
- AI for Re-entry Success, April 2, 2026

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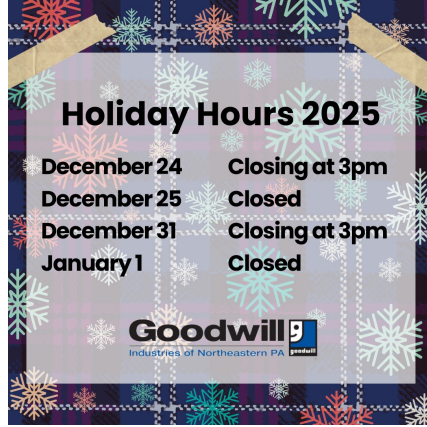
Didn't find what you were looking for in one of our stores? Continue your search online at www.shopgoodwill.com/scranton.

Shopgoodwill.com offers unique items from Goodwill stores from across the United States and Canada and some items are available for pickup from our local warehouse. From hidden treasures to designer finds, every purchase powers our mission!

Holiday hours

Heads up Goodwill thrifters! Planning your shopping during the holiday season? Check out our holiday hours:

- Wednesday, Dec. 24: Closing at 3 pm
- Thursday, Dec. 25: Closed
- Wednesday, Dec. 31: Closing at 3 pm



- Thursday, Jan. 1: Closed

As always, we want to send a huge THANK YOU to our donors and shoppers for supporting Goodwill Industries of NEPA! Every donation and purchase supports our mission of helping individuals with disabilities or other barriers right here in our NEPA community.

Coming to The Theater at North...



Goodwill Industries of NEPA's Theater at North has a jam-packed schedule with something for all tastes! Upcoming shows include:

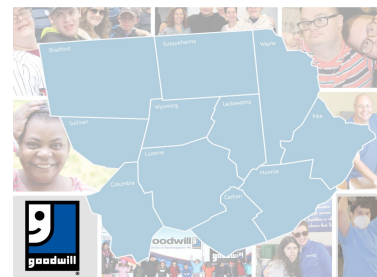
- The Nutcracker by the Scranton Civic Ballet Company, **Friday, December 12** at 7:30 pm and **Saturday, December 13** at 2 pm.
- **The Spirit of the Season**, 5 Star Dance Academy holiday recital, Sunday, December 14, 5 pm.
- **Christmas & Italy**, Anthony Nunziata live in concert, Friday, December 19, 7 pm.
- **Twelve Twenty Four**, a holiday rock orchestra, Saturday, December 20, 7 pm.

Spread the News! Feel free to forward this email to anyone you think might be interested or have them [sign up](#) to receive a copy each month.

Mission: Goodwill Industries of Northeastern Pennsylvania provides supportive opportunities for individuals with disabilities or other barriers to enhance their lives.

Vision: Strengthening lives, families, and communities one person at a time.

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