



**CEO
UPDATE**
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As we begin a new year and decade, I want to thank the Board, as well as every person who has donated to Palmetto Goodwill, shopped in our stores or volunteered their time to help us fulfill our mission. As you know, 2019 marked our 40th year of operation. Palmetto Goodwill has grown and evolved tremendously over that time, to where in 2019 we were able to help serve over 20,000 unique individuals and help place more than 4,000 people into new jobs. As we embark on a new decade, we remain committed to being a valued provider of education, training and employment services to those in need. I look forward to working with you to make 2020, and beyond, even more impactful.



PWC presented a donated Toyota Solaris to Navy veteran Curtis Bryant, as the former naval engineer continues his journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency.



The Six Mile store in Mt. Pleasant was our last reset of the year. Nine additional stores are scheduled to be reset in 2020 with new paint, signage, cash wraps and store layouts.



Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-S.C.) was recently presented an AbilityOne[®] Congressional Champion plaque for his support of employment opportunities for people with disabilities.



The Mission Never Stops

The mission never stops at Goodwill, as the year ended in the Grand Strand with another Hospitality training and Georgetown Career Connection Bootcamp, and in Charleston with completion of the first Welding course at our new industrial training facility. Course participants from the last quarter were also recognized at our December graduation ceremony, in which Michael Blake from The Sanctuary gave the keynote address.



Golden Angel Program

For 12 years, Palmetto Goodwill has helped meet the needs of disadvantaged seniors through our Golden Angel Program. Lunch programs were held throughout December in Charleston, Beaufort, Sumter and the Grand Strand, in which 800 seniors were provided with gift cards and basic necessities that many of us take for granted. Up next, the Hippiie Dash 5K on March 7 to raise awareness for people with special needs.

