

Our Northfield Goodwill store provides jobs for approximately 40 employees and over 70% of them have disabilities or other disadvantages. We provide a full-time on-site Career Coach that works with them to help them be the best that they can be. This is one of the many services Goodwill Industries of KY provides free to our employees and the communities we serve. In fact, 90 cents of every dollar earned in our retail stores goes back into the free programs we provide to individuals with barriers to employment.

As the Northfield community support has grown and because of their generous donations, we have increased from 22 employees to 40 during the past 2 years. Unfortunately, we have maximized our potential as the volume of donations has proved to be more than we can process at this location forcing us to send them to other markets within Goodwill. This transfer of goods creates shipping and handling costs that takes away from our mission. If we receive approval to expand our facility by 5,000 square feet, we will be able to expand our production area providing a much safer operation and more room to process, thus keeping the donations given in the Northfield area at the local store. We will also add additional display area and make the retail floor more shoppable and easier to navigate for our valued customers.

Most importantly, this expansion would allow us to provide coveted jobs to 8-10 additional individuals with barriers to employment furthering our mission to change lives through the Power of Work.