

Hi there,

My name is Chris Olatuberu, and, like you, I've experienced a lot of changes this year due to the pandemic. Despite the uncertainty, the one place I've been able to count on has been Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont. This is because gaining the skills to build my career and secure family-sustaining employment is more important than ever for me right now.

I am currently taking one of Goodwill's advanced technology courses to become certified in A+ Helpdesk, which is the industry standard for launching IT careers in today's digital world. This course means a lot to me, not only because it's my dream to have a career in tech, but also because my first child – a baby girl named Janelle – was just born in October. This Goodwill training course will help me achieve my dream career in technology, which will help me support my growing

During a pandemic, achieving career growth is no small feat. Back in March,
Goodwill quickly transitioned its in-person classes to virtual, allowing me to continue
to access high-quality job skills training and employment support without
interruption. During a time of high unemployment, being able to secure a job
and continue working toward my career goals has been critical.

I recently moved to Charlotte from Nigeria, and while I had a background in business, I discovered it was difficult to apply my previous experience to work here. So earlier this year, I completed the Goodwill Customer, Administrative and Business Services training to improve my professional and networking skills. After I earned my certification, I enrolled in Goodwill's A+ Helpdesk course to follow my passion in technology and gain skills in a relevant, growing industry that can offer higher wages to help me support my family.

It took a lot of work and partnership with my instructors and coaches at Goodwill to get where I am today, and my journey is only just beginning.

Financial contributions from the community help me and my peers on our path. Funding supports innovations that align training with skills employers are looking for and provides career development support that directly help people achieve their goals. In fact, the coaching and skills I received at Goodwill helped me find a job at Amazon so I could support my family while I work toward earning my A+ Helpdesk certification.

As someone receiving these services right now, I ask you to consider financially supporting Goodwill. Contributions directly impact me and others who come to Goodwill seeking more for their lives and for their families. Please consider making a gift of \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50 today to help more people see possibilities, seize opportunities and prosper.

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My family and I thank you for your consideration to donate this year.

Sincerely,
Chris Olatuberu, 2020 Goodwill Participant.

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