

Congrats, Tanesha, on your new trades career!




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Goodwill's Electrical training program

TUITION-FREE CONSTRUCTION & TRADES TRAINING

Tanesha moved to Charlotte from Arkansas in search of better opportunities. She knew Charlotte was booming with construction projects, so she jumped at the opportunity to learn the trades.

“I searched free construction classes, and I came across Goodwill,” she explained. ***“I had been a helper with my stepdad's business since I was 12, remodeling houses, and I helped build different buses like a podcast bus and a party bus.”***

So when Tanesha found out about Goodwill's tuition-free training programs in [Construction Basics](#) and [Electrical](#), she applied and was accepted.

MORE THAN A CLASS

While taking the classes, Tanesha was also facing a personal battle: she was experiencing homelessness. When taking tuition-free training programs at Goodwill, participants also receive complimentary [wraparound services](#), like one-on-one career coaching and access to our Family Stability team, which can assist participants with crucial factors beyond employment. Verona Hendrix, a Career Navigator at Goodwill, worked with Tanesha not only to help her find a good job, but also to find available resources.

“Verona was helpful throughout my entire process. She helped me with my resume and sent me numerous jobs,” Tanesha said of the job search help she received. ***“We practiced our interviews, our pitches, and our essential skills. Those lessons that were provided by Goodwill really pushed us and helped us to prepare for interviews and job fairs.”***

We also know that for a person to become as successful as possible in their career, their other basic needs must be met. This is where Goodwill's Family Stability team comes into play. They assist participants with critical needs, such as access to food, transportation, healthcare, and housing.

"She [Verona] sent me vouchers to make sure I had clothing for job interviews and helped me get into the entryway program, which provided resources for when I was homeless," Tanesha said. "I also want to thank Chris Sullivan [Construction & Trade Training Manager], who helped me with tools and more."

PATHWAY TO PROSPERITY

Tanesha's hard work and determination paid off. She secured a job working as a Service Technician at a local apartment company, where she now lives.

"The inspiration is bigger," Tanesha said, when asked about how her life has changed since completing Goodwill's training programs. ***"[I have] the confidence to go into different rooms and to know that I know the information. There's still a lot to learn, but there's a lot that Goodwill prepared us for."***

If you would like to help fund tuition-free job training programs that help people like Tanesha on their pathway to prosperity, drop off your [gently used donations](#) at one of our 36 [retail stores or donation locations](#), or make a [financial contribution](#).

"Never give up. If you ever need help, search within yourself. Remember that failure only happens when you stop trying" she said.

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