

Volunteering + Goodwill Industries = Fun and Rewarding Experience!

Ryan Ramoo has successfully completed the 75 hours of community service hours required for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. He chose to become a volunteer at the Goodwill Industries in Clermont mainly because it was close to his school, home, work and his gym. What Ryan didn't realize before he came was how cool Goodwill really is!



Ryan, who is a car enthusiast, is also an athlete and enjoys working out at the gym. Although these hobbies take up much of his spare time, he worked to figure out a way to complete the many hours required for the Bright Futures scholarship. One day, as he was driving by the Goodwill store in Clermont, he stopped by to see if they accepted volunteers. He was soon scheduled for his volunteer orientation and tour, where he learned about Goodwill's mission of providing free vocational service to people in our community, giving them the tools needed to secure employment so that they can support themselves and their families. Once he started volunteering, Ryan felt "right at home," and learned many different tasks, including scanning and sorting books, placing merchandise out on the sales floor, organizing and much more. Ryan was able to see lots of unique and rare items that were donated; he said, "You never know what people are going to donate!" Although Ryan obtained many work skills that would help him when preparing his resume for employment, the most rewarding part for Ryan was meeting a group of new people, the Goodwill staff. Many of them became like a second family to him.



When asked if he would recommend Goodwill to other teens to volunteer for scholarship hours, he said, "Go for it! Goodwill is the place. You won't regret it; everyone was so nice and I was able to be flexible with my time." He also said that he wanted other teens to know that Goodwill doesn't sell garbage. All of the clothes and other merchandise goes through a strict process of inspection. Many of the items in Goodwill stores are in new condition

Ryan is currently a senior at East Ridge High School and is dual-enrolled at Lake Sumter State College, where he plans to complete his AA degree. He will continue his educational path, earning his Bachelor's degree, and then plans to obtain a Masters in Civil or Electrical engineering.

Thank you, Ryan, for helping Goodwill help others!

If you would like to become a Goodwill volunteer, please visit our website at www.goodwillcfl.org, and complete an application in the Volunteer section, under the DONATE tab.

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