Goodwill's Business Advisory Council (BAC) members provide advice and counsel to Goodwill staff, educate others on Goodwill’s mission and services, and maintain a network for the successful employment of Goodwill program graduates.

There are currently six Councils with hundreds of members representing for-profit companies, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations across a broad range of industries. Councils meet monthly, either in-person or virtually, to share resources, offer expertise, discuss market trends, and inform services to meet the needs of our communities.

Goodwill's Business Advisory Councils play a critical role in the tracking of labor market trends and the continual development of Goodwill’s programs to address the changing needs of communities that Goodwill serves across northwest North Carolina.

To learn more, visit www.GoodwillBAC.org or join us on LinkedIn at https://tinyurl.com/GoodwillBACLinkedIn.
Some of the organizations represented by BAC members include:

- Ashley Furniture
- Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
- Asheville Hotel Group
- Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist
- Biltmore Estate
- Buncombe County Government
- City of Winston-Salem
- DoubleTree by Hilton
- FIRST at Blue Ridge
- Hanesbrands
- Homestead Hills Retirement Community
- Ingles
- Inmar
- John Deere-Hitachi
- Mission Hospital
- NC Departments of Commerce, Health and Human Services
- Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center
- Piedmont HomeHealth
- Piedmont Triad Apartment Association
- REI of Asheville
- Ridge Care Communities
- Trellis Supportive Care
- Truist Bank
- Twin City Quarter
- UNC-Asheville
- Wake Forest University
- Wells Fargo
- Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools
- Winston-Salem State University
- Veterans Administration

Interested in joining a BAC?

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- www.GoodwillBAC.org

Connect with a BAC coordinator:
- Email: info@goodwillnwnc.org

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BAC GROWTH

Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina organized its first Business Advisory Council in 1980. Today, Goodwill receives advice and support from six Business Advisory Councils with hundreds of members across the region. BAC members play critical roles in making Goodwill’s mission possible. Councils are based in Buncombe, Catawba, Davidson, Forsyth, Iredell, and Rowan Counties. Meetings are open to anyone wishing to engage with other community representatives to collaborate, network, and address issues facing our region.

A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

The most rewarding benefit of serving as a member of Goodwill’s Business Advisory Councils is having the opportunity to impact people’s lives in ways that help them become more self-sufficient. Other benefits include:

- Networking with community business leaders and professionals
- Opportunity to showcase your business to potential customers, partners, and job applicants
- Spotting your company by hosting a Council meeting
- Job fairs and screening of applicants at no cost
- Participation in events such as Goodwill’s annual golf tournament, business panels, and recognition events
- Access to skilled job seekers who are trained and eager to change their lives through the power of work
- Opportunity to serve and give back to your community

HEAR FROM BAC MEMBERS

For the last eight years, I have tried hard not to miss a BAC meeting. Not only have I learned a great deal about Goodwill, I continue to learn about the needs of many businesses in our community. It has also proven to be a good way to network with others and learn about their best practices.

~ Allan Younger, Forsyth Tech Small Business Center

BAC meetings have always been a fun way to network while learning about our community. When we went virtual in 2020, the audience not only grew, but we also dug deep into relevant issues, sparking great conversation and authentic connection. The BAC isn’t just about business; it’s about collaboration and partnership to make our community a better place for all.

~ Susy Chandler, Lenoir-Rhyne University

ABOUT GOODWILL

Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that has served the local community since 1926. Through the sale of donated items in its stores, Goodwill funds employment and training programs that help more than 26,000 people each year find hope, opportunity and jobs. Goodwill offers services virtually and in-person at 18 career centers in a 31-county territory. Learn more about Goodwill’s mission at www.goodwillnwnc.org.