



James Dilling

*"I went through some really hard times and I didn't think anyone would be able to help me. I wasn't sure of Goodwill or how they could help, but they did it. Now I'm on the right path thanks to Goodwill."*

James Dilling came to Goodwill in February of 2000 through a referral from Vocational Rehabilitation. James had not worked steadily since 1994 due to a car accident, which left him physically disabled and unable to perform his job of working with and repairing heavy farm equipment. Also during that time, James was denied Social Security and was going through a divorce.

But James didn't give up. He knew that he had to expand his skills and learn a new trade if he was ever going to be employed steadily again. So James took a computer repair course. Through Vocational Rehabilitation, James met Shery Bader, Goodwill Employment Specialist. Even with James' new found skills, it was difficult finding competitive employment for him.

As luck would have it, a job opened up at Goodwill that was perfect for James. Many electronics, including monitors and computers, are donated to Goodwill daily. Someone was needed to test and repair these donations to make them sellable for the Goodwill thrift stores. James jumped at the chance immediately.

James has been successfully working at Goodwill ever since. "James has been a great asset to Goodwill. He has helped many members of staff with their computer needs and continues to good a job. We feel very lucky to have James working for Goodwill", says Shery.

