

1966-2006**1982**

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. becomes autonomous from Suncoast Goodwill in St. Petersburg.

Late 1982 the building committee contacted Dean Steel to get the cost to erect a 10,000 square foot building on the property located at 1919 US 41 North, known now as the Goodwill North Store.

1983

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. received first C.A.R.F. accreditation.

Chet Perry Achiever of the Year

Quoyastine "Q" Moore

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida

Title: Donations Operator

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Chet Perry Achiever of the Year

Quoyastine "Q" Moore is a determined young mother of three who doesn't let her past stop her. She led a misguided way of life which led to her serving 10 months in prison. Q decided this was not the life she wanted for herself and her children. After completing her incarceration, she was determined to turn her life around. Q started working for an organization where her income was not consistent and they didn't offer insurance benefits that she needed for herself and her three kids. Q wanted a career with full-time hours and benefits where she could provide for her family and set an example for her children. She began looking for employment, but finding a job with a felony conviction is not easy. "I was totally discouraged, but I refused to go back to a life that I knew was not good for me and my family," Q says.

Q was experiencing a tremendous amount of frustration in her job search. While discussing her frustration with a friend, Q told her she turned in 39 job applications and had not been called in for one interview. Her friend told her about Goodwill's Job Placement Services and she met with their Employment Consultant Tandy Collins. She interviewed for a job at Goodwill and was hired the same day! "Q has a good attitude," Tandy explains. "She is dependable, efficient, and willing to do whatever is asked of her."

"I'm happy that my whole life has done a complete turnaround. I'm turning into a role model for my three kids," Q explains. "This is amazing. I never knew it would be like this. The future has great potential. I'm going to Edison College and majoring in business because I someday would like to own my own business."

Congratulations to Quoyastine "Q" Moore for being chosen as Goodwill's Chet Perry Achiever of the Year!