

Connecting Youth to
The Power of Work

Goodwill Connects



With **Goodwill Connects** you benefit from:

- A regular paycheck for YOU during the program
- Education and training on essential employability skills that help you succeed in your role and boost your career.
- One-on-one support with an assigned career coach and access to financial advice and support
- On the job experience with selected employers and much more!

For more information go to
www.goodwillcmh.org/connects

email us at
summeryouth@goodwillcmh.org

or scan the QR code below.



What Participants are saying:

The program provided my students what was promised; life lessons from a good, solid work experience. – Teacher

Working with students in this setting over the past few summers has definitely made me a better teacher. – Career Mentor

It was a lot of hard work, but it went fast. I learned a lot; mostly about how to do the basics for getting and keeping a job. – Student

I learned about responsibility, working with different kinds of people and handling my money. – Student

Goodwill made it relatively easy for us to host interns. Our biggest concern was about how we were going to consistently provide students meaningful job experiences. I think we did that. – Employer

To learn more, call and speak to the Connects Coordinator or visit:

www.goodwillcmh.org/youth-programming

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Changing Lives Through the Power of Work

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES[®]

OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN'S HEARTLAND

Goodwill Connects Youth Work Experience Program



Aged 16 or older this summer?

- ⇒ **WORK** part-time
- ⇒ **EARN** up to \$1700
- ⇒ **LEARN** essential skills
- ⇒ **BUILD** connections

Unlock your potential for success in your future career when you explore the world of work this summer with our 6 week, part-time PAID work experience program.

What to expect from the Goodwill Connects Program:

A longstanding commitment from Goodwill Industries of Central Michigan’s Heartland, Inc. (GICMH) to provide effective orientation, supportive coaches and career mentors.

For over a decade, GICMH has provided paid summer job experiences to over 1,000 students from five school districts in the Greater Battle Creek area with the help of over 70 employers and a diverse, dedicated team of career mentors.

Phase I – Recruit, enroll and help students understand how to enter and stay in the workforce to achieve financial stability.

Phase II – Interviews, job placements and learning by all stakeholders.

Phase III – Program evaluation and assessment, career exploration financial goals setting and credential guidance.



We collaborate with schools and employers to ensure that all Goodwill Connects’ participants understand the Power of Work and have the skills needed to get and keep a job, manage money and contribute to their communities.

Start your new role equipped with **Work Readiness** skills such as **Professionalism, Teamwork, Conflict Resolution** and **Time Management**.

Select from a list of approved employers based on **YOUR** job interests.

Get **Financial Coaching** to better manage your hard-earned income

Prepare for the Future by learning how to **Job Search, Build Your Resume, Interview, Explore Career Paths** and **Access Credentials**.

Career mentors

Connects’ Career Mentors are critically important to the success of the program. These educators are dedicated to making sure students and employers are engaged and have an accessible, available resource.



We remove barriers to employment and help students by providing training, income and one-on-one coaching.

We collaborate with schools and employers to ensure that Connects’ students understand the Power of Work by:

- ⇒ Developing the skills needed to get and keep a job
- ⇒ Learning how to manage money
- ⇒ Providing an opportunity to contribute and build a stronger connection to their communities
- ⇒ Preparing for the future by gaining work experience

