



## Goodwill to Provide Technology Classes for People with Disabilities Goodwill Receives Grant for Technology Opportunities, Funded by the City of Austin

**Who:** Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

**What:** Goodwill Industries of Central Texas was recently awarded the Grant for Technology Opportunities for the amount of \$15,000 for the third year in a row by the City of Austin. Goodwill will continue to put the money towards expanding its assistive technology resources to include computer courses for people with disabilities.

Taught by an experienced instructor, Goodwill will offer four basic and advanced courses that will provide people with disabilities the opportunity to learn computer skills, including Word, PowerPoint, typing, email and Internet skills. Classes will be taught in small groups to provide the individual attention needed for learning basic technology-related skills. This grant will provide 110 Central Texans with disabilities access to computer classes that utilize assistive technology, such as voice recognition software, magnification software, specialized keyboards and more.

Allowing Goodwill to take further strides toward its mission of providing job-related services to people with disadvantages, these classes will incorporate job search skills, such as creating a resume, cover letter and email account.

**Where:** Goodwill's Assistive Technology Lab, inside Goodwill's Community Center  
1015 Norwood Park Blvd  
Austin, TX 78753

**When:** Classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9-10 AM; lab time 10-11:30; interested participants are encouraged to call to reserve their spot

**More Information:** For more information on classes and for space reservation, please contact the Goodwill Technology Skills Trainer at 637-7520 or [atlab@austingoodwill.org](mailto:atlab@austingoodwill.org).

**Visuals:** Classes conducted in Assistive Technology Lab with large keys keyboards, modified mouses for accessibility, Braille embossers and more.

**About Goodwill:** Goodwill Industries of Central Texas is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the mission of providing job-related services for people with barriers to employment. Revenue generated through the sale of donated goods is used to fund job training and employment programs for Central Texans. For more information about Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, visit [www.AustinGoodwill.org](http://www.AustinGoodwill.org).

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