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Palmetto Goodwill Launches Regionwide Earth Month Initiative to Reduce E-Waste and Support Students

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — As e-waste continues to surge nationwide, Palmetto Goodwill is responding this Earth Month with an expanded electronics recycling campaign that protects the environment and widens digital access for students throughout South Carolina.

Beginning **April 1**, the organization will install **12 community donation bins** through partnerships with local businesses and public institutions, making it easier than ever for residents to donate used computers and electronic devices rather than sending them to landfills.

Donation bins will be available at:

- Businesses: Fred Anderson Toyota, Floyd Lee Locums, Bank of America at 200 Meeting Street
- Charleston County Public Library Branches: Keith Summey - North Charleston, Baxter-Patrick James Island, Bees Ferry West, John's Island, Wando Mt. Pleasant
- Dorchester County Public Library Branches: St. George Library, Summerville Library
- Berkeley County Public Library Branch: Daniel Island

This month-long initiative supports Palmetto Goodwill's longstanding commitment to sustainability and builds on the organization's significant environmental achievements. In **2025**, Palmetto Goodwill diverted **36.5 million pounds** of goods from local landfills and recycled **401,236 pounds** of electronics. By collecting unwanted electronics before they become e-waste, the organization extends the life of valuable materials and strengthens the local circular economy.

Each donated computer undergoes a secure refurbishing process through Palmetto Goodwill's work as the backbone agency for the South Carolina Digital Resource Alliance (SCDRA) - formerly the Lowcountry Digital Equity Coalition (LDEC). Devices are professionally wiped, refurbished, and distributed to Title I schools, helping ensure more students have reliable technology for learning. Through this program, community donations are transformed into academic opportunity, advancing digital equity across the state.

“Every device we receive has the potential to create real, measurable impact,” said Amya Hargrove, Sustainability Manager at Palmetto Goodwill. “By donating a computer instead of throwing it away, residents are protecting the environment and empowering a student with the technology needed to succeed.”

Palmetto Goodwill emphasizes that each donated item contributes to a broader sustainability story. Whether resold, reused, repaired, or responsibly recycled, every device reduces environmental impact and helps decrease waste across the region. This Earth Month, the organization encourages residents to donate unused or aging electronics at any partner site or Palmetto Goodwill store. Computers and other electronic donations are accepted year-round at all Palmetto Goodwill store locations.

More information is available at:

- Find Palmetto Goodwill store locations: palmettogoodwill.org/locations
- Learn more about sustainability initiatives: palmettogoodwill.org/sustainability
- Explore the South Carolina Digital Resource Alliance: <https://lowcountrydec.com/>

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About Palmetto Goodwill

Palmetto Goodwill, founded in 1979, is a local nonprofit workforce development organization changing lives through equitable access to training, education, and employment. We serve 18 counties across South Carolina with 1,400 team members, operating 33 retail stores and donation centers, 11 Career Opportunity Centers, and 14 commercial and government contracts. Donations and retail sales fund job training and career services that connect people to opportunity. In 2025, we served more than 16,000 individuals and connected more than 4,200 people to employment. Palmetto Goodwill is one of South Carolina’s largest employers of people with disabilities and holds GuideStar’s Platinum Seal of Transparency. 90 cents of every dollar supports programs and services.

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