

Cognizant U.S. Foundation Donates \$1.5 Million to Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont

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"We want to create a digital workforce that can seek out employment opportunities across the many sectors of the economy that are being changed by digital technology today," said **Frank D'Souza**. "And some of those opportunities will be with Cognizant but many of them will be outside of Cognizant." Excerpts:

"Goodwill's efforts to expand free technology training in Charlotte got another boost Tuesday — a \$1.5 million grant from a big tech services company.

New Jersey-based Cognizant announced it's setting up a \$100 million foundation to help train people for technology jobs across the country. Its first grant of \$1.5 million is going to Goodwill Industries.

The grant will help expand Charlotte's Goodwill University which provides free digital literacy and advanced technology training, especially for people who face barriers to economic mobility such as a lack of education or criminal records.

Goodwill Chief Executive Officer Chris Jackson says training and certifications will include areas such as computer help desk, cloud computing, Salesforce administration and software development.

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