

## MUSTARD SEED THRIFT AND OUTREACH

This quaint little shop in Oregon City offers quite the variety of trinkets and knickknacks, which are sure to please any treasure seeker or bargain shopper. In my short time at the Mustard Seed Outreach and Thrift Store, I was able to find a San Francisco 49ers chicken for \$8, a Bugs Bunny mug for \$2, Valentine's Day themed dice for the upcoming holiday for 30 cents, a wooden tie for \$3, a hat with a sewn-in scarf for \$3 and a Steppenwolf Live vinyl from various shows during the 1970s for \$3. Glenda and Jeff Thompson opened this family business more than six years ago to help their daughter Chelsea recover from her addiction to heroin and meth. Now, she's four years clean and helps her parents run the shop. All of their proceeds go to charities that support this cause. They take the fun of buying junk-turned-treasure, and use it for a good cause in their community, helping its struggling homeless and addicts.

— Sam Weston



A Steppenwolf Live vinyl featuring different shows from the 70s was only \$3 at the Mustard Seed Thrift and Outreach.

## VALUE VILLAGE

Thriftng is one of my favorite pastimes. A great place to check out the deals is your neighborhood Value Village. My holy-grail black leather backpack was purchased at a Value Village over the summer for just over \$5. However, this past trip to my local Value Village left me empty-handed; one of the few downsides to thriftng is that it's a hit or miss shopping trip. I decided to tag along with Co-Editor in Chief of The Clackamas Print, Victoria Tinker, on her excursion to Goodwill. Here is where I hit the jackpot: a studded Nine West purse for \$4.99, a dress for \$6.99, a turtleneck for \$3.99, and a badass Harley Davidson t-shirt for \$5.99 to be exact. Pro-tip, be sure to rummage through all of the racks and all of the bins to find the greatest treasures. A great place to look for 1990s inspired slip dresses is in the pajama section. This haul only broke the bank by \$21.96.

— Alexis Wagar



Some members of The Clackamas Print posing with their thrift store pickups.

## THE SALVATION ARMY

I chose The Salvation Army because they live by their mission statement, "Doing the most good." They aim to feed, to clothe, to comfort and to care. There are 7,546 Salvation Army centers across the United States. Of the many locations there are thrift stores, food distribution centers, disaster relief, rehabilitation centers, anti-human trafficking efforts and a large amount of children's programs. I admire what they stand for, so I decided to pay a visit to their Milwaukie thrift store location. Upon entering, I was immediately greeted by an employee letting me know what their discount of the day was. After exploring for a few minutes, I found a few items worthy of spending my \$20 on. I found a knock-off shake weight for \$1, a men's Columbia windbreaker for \$10, a Bubba Gump margarita glass for \$2, a "Jamaican me crazy" long-sleeved shirt for \$4 and a children's Columbia jacket for \$3. Overall, I enjoyed my experience and my finds, and would recommend that people pay the store a visit.

— Marjorie Guttery



A knock-off shakeweight was found for only \$1 at The Salvation Army.