



Goodwill Saves Over \$2,000 Per Year By Streamlining Payroll Management

Using Mekorma MICR the Organization Benefits from Improved Security, an Effective Disaster Recovery Program, and the Elimination of Unnecessary Hardware

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Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana exists to help people in the area prepare for, find, and keep jobs and to help employers solve workforce-related problems. Goodwill provides work opportunities, and job preparation and placement services for thousands of people each year. Currently, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana has over 1,200 employees.

Printing 1,200 payroll checks per month posed security, space, and waste challenges for accounting personnel at Goodwill Industries. Previously, key personnel were forced to access a stand-alone machine locked in a separate room to manage this inefficient task. Goodwill selected Mekorma MICR to maximize efficiency and eliminate waste. Tightly integrated with their Microsoft® Business Solutions — Great Plains business management software, this solution gives them a cost-effective disaster recovery plan and saves the company time and money during the management of this crucial business process.

THE CHALLENGE

When Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana went in search of a better way to manage payments, they sought a flexible, scalable solution that could accommodate their changing needs. Overburdened by the hassles of payroll check printing for more than 1,200 employees and transactions for multiple storefronts, Goodwill wanted to retain tight control over check printing and protect their business at the same time.

With an average check run that included 200 payables checks and over 1,200 payroll checks twice each month, accounting wanted to eliminate the stand-alone PC needed to manage check printing. Key employees wasted a great deal of time moving between their workstation and the secure PC to manage the check printing process.

The great thing about Mekorma is that they know Microsoft® Business Solutions — Great Plains, and Microsoft Great Plains knows Mekorma. Our team now has access to advanced functionality via screens within the accounting solution. Mekorma MICR helped us improve security, cut costs, and formulate an effective, inexpensive disaster recovery program.

— Joy Childers, Applications Specialist, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

THE SOLUTION

Working closely with InterDyn-LANAC Technology, Goodwill analyzed its needs and priorities. Seamless integration with Microsoft Great Plains was a must, as was a simple, cost-effective disaster recovery plan. They also wanted a solution that would enable them to continue to use the blank check stock and printer they were already using. With Mekorma MICR, they got everything they wanted.

“Mekorma MICR gives us all of the functionality we need with none of the training or upkeep headaches,” said Joy Childers, Applications Specialist, Goodwill Industries. “It enabled us to devise a disaster recovery strategy and eliminated the need for a stand-alone check-printing PC.”

Using this secure, scalable, and flexible solution, Goodwill dramatically reduced time spent on check printing and optimized performance of the Microsoft Great Plains package.

“Mekorma MICR expands the potential of the accounting solution by eliminating the need for a secure, stand-alone machine and improving check printing functionality,” said Wendy Zumpano, LANAC Technology. “Organizations will find the increased security and cost savings to be just the tip of the iceberg of benefits they will receive from the Mekorma MICR solution.”

IMPLEMENTATION RESULTS

The organization’s old system caused issues with payroll management and disaster recovery that made it impossible to eliminate inefficiency and protect the company’s assets. Those issues were easily and quickly resolved with Mekorma MICR.

The company’s disaster recover strategy includes daily backups of mission critical applications to an off-site facility. Because Mekorma MICR stores the data it prints on the blank check stock in the computer, the company is able to protect this process using their existing strategy.

Goodwill also credits Mekorma MICR with its ability to handle more sophisticated payroll management needs.

“A large percentage of our employees opt for direct deposit,” says Childers. “Using our previous system, we were forced to print each check, then VOID the stub and indicate that the item was a non-negotiable direct deposit. This resulted in countless paper jams as we ran documents through the printer two and three times. By taking advantage of the support resources offered by Mekorma, we overcame this issue and are now able to manage payroll without a hitch.”

During a Mekorma MICR Webinar on use of the Configurables Manager, Childers found a way to print checks and direct-deposit stubs at the same time. Using the system’s logical fields, Goodwill created a format that simplifies the entire process and eliminates waste. Goodwill uses the Configurator to manage the printing of direct deposit stubs and live checks with just a few keystrokes. This frees up internal personnel and resources to manage other tasks.

“Mekorma MICR enabled us to improve payroll management and efficiency,” says Childers. “The time and money we saved have been re-directed to other areas and our entire organization is better for it.”



ABOUT GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF CENTRAL INDIANA, INC.

Goodwill Industries was started in Boston, Massachusetts in 1902 by Dr. Edgar J. Helms, a Methodist minister who developed a way to provide unemployed immigrants with jobs. The immigrants would collect clothing and household items, repair the goods and re-sell them in a store. The idea soon spread, and in 1930 Goodwill was started in Indianapolis at Fletcher Place Methodist Church. In 1934, Reverend Howard Lytle became the driving force behind the growth and expansion of Goodwill in central Indiana. In his 35 years of leadership, he brought Goodwill out of a church basement and into the forefront. Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc. is one of the largest of the 208 community-based autonomous member organizations in the United States, Canada and 22 other countries.

ABOUT INTERDYN-LANAC TECHNOLOGY

InterDyn-LANAC Technology has been a leading provider of world-class business and accounting information systems since 1986. Their mission is to establish trusted long-term relationships and provide companies with the information needed to define and achieve a clear vision. InterDyn-LANAC Technology's in-house experts understand and identify the most appropriate solution for each customer's unique business problem. In addition, InterDyn-LANAC maintains a strong in-house development group, which enables the company to think outside of the proverbial box when identifying solutions for their customers. By partnering with InterDyn-LANAC Technology, companies stay ahead of the technology curve and strengthen the entire business management process.

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ABOUT MEKORMA

Mekorma is the leading developer of solutions designed to enhance the functionality of the Microsoft® Business Solutions-Great Plains® product line. Having set the standard in this arena with Mekorma MICR, its check printing solution, Mekorma received the prestigious Developer of the Year award from Great Plains Software in 2000. The company has been a President's Club member for seven consecutive years and an Inner Circle member for six, every year that ISVs have been eligible for these distinctions. In addition, the company was selected as Microsoft's Partners' Choice ISV of the Year in 2004 and Great Plains' Partners' Choice Developer of the Year in 1998.

Headquartered in Los Angeles, California, Mekorma specializes in accounting system utilities, particularly payment management, and is committed to providing tools that are at the forefront of the technology curve. For more information about Mekorma's world-class products and services, visit www.mekorma.com.

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