

IFB Beat

November 29, 2021

News to Know

Get your Holiday Cards!



Meet Temp! She is an 8-year-old S.E.E. student who lives in Asheville. She is brailleing cards for our holiday card fundraiser!

Check out Temp's local news feature with WLOS ABC 13:

<https://ifbsolutions.org/weaverville-girls-special-holiday-cards-benefit-camps-for-the-blind/>

On-Site Christmas Card sales

Winston-Salem (Cafeteria): Nov. 30 11:30-1:30

Little-Rock: TBA

How Can You Buy Cards? It's Simple!

Go to www.ifbsolutions.org/holidaycards

If you would like to receive the IFB Beat via email please contact Faith Harding at fharding@ifbsolutions.org or Shonn Redmond at sredmond@ifbsolutions.org to be added to the list. Or listen to the IFB Beat by calling our English-line 336-245-5691; Spanish-line, 336-245-5663. To submit information to the IFB Beat, email communications@ifbsolutions.org

Save the Date: Giving Tuesday is Nov. 30th

Here's How YOU Can Support IFB:

Text GIVEIFB to 41444 to donate

Tell your family and friends to donate here: ifbsolutions.org/donate

Follow us on social media and share our posts on Giving Tuesday

COVID-19 Education

- Traveling for the holidays? [CLICK HERE](#) to read the about changes to air travel requirements.
- We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving, however, please keep in mind the safety of our staff. If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you stay home.
- **Mandate:** IFB Religious and Medical Accommodation forms are due by Dec 1st. You must have your full COVID-19 vaccine regimen by January 4th.

Programs and Services

See what S.E.E. is doing!



It's always an adventure with our S.E.E students! Students and their families in Asheville got together for a day of fun and exploring. They enjoyed a day of ziplining and making memories with friends.

Adult Support Group Meetings:

- Wednesday, December 1st, RP support group meeting is from 12:00-12:45 in the Solutions Room.
- Thursday, December 2nd, Sight Adjustment support group meeting is from 12:00-12:45 at the Little Red schoolhouse.
*Zoom link at end of newsletter

Community Low Vision Center

To learn more about the Community Low Vision Center visit our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#)

CLVC Item of the Week:

One by Sonicare- Rechargeable Toothbrush- White or Black - \$44.95

December Item of the Month:

EZ Pro Sock Holders- Assorted Colors - \$3.95

If you are interested in purchasing Low Vision Equipment through our Loan Program (3rd Party), please contact a Low Vision Coordinator for assistance. [Opportunities](#)

We are HeRe for you

The holidays are here and although it is an exciting time, the holidays can also bring on some added stress. A quarter of Americans say that they feel extreme stress around the holidays. [According to research](#), some of the leading stressors are lack of time, finances, diet, family gatherings or lack thereof. Know that you are not alone. There are multiple resources available to help alleviate the things that may cause you stress. HR is here for you! Please see Haleigh Yarboro, our Certified HR Transition Representative if you would like some information on the different community resources that are available.

Job Announcements

Teacher Assistant in Charlotte

**Required Education and work experience:
High School Diploma or GED Equivalent**

2 years' experience working with disabled individuals preferred

External candidates may apply [here.](#)

Internal candidates may apply [here.](#)

BSC Store Manager- McGuire AFB

**Education and work experience:
Bachelor's degree or higher preferred.**

Minimum of 3 years prior retail management experience.

Must have a valid driver's license

Must pass government background and drug tests.

External candidates may apply [here.](#)

Internal candidates may apply [here.](#)

BSC Store Clerk- McGuire AFB

**Education and work experience:
High School Diploma**

No prior experience required

Internal candidates may apply [here.](#)

External candidates may apply [here.](#)

Optical Shipping Lead

**Education and work experience:
High school diploma or GED required**

1-2 years shipping and receiving experience required

Internal candidates may apply [here.](#)

External candidates may apply [here.](#)

For more information, please contact Brent Burkholder at X5611

Insider Corner

What Should a Blind Person Know About Using a Smart Phone or Tablet with Speech? Tech Tips and Reviews

Source: YouTube, Insight4Blind

Have you ever felt outsmarted by your smart phone? No worries. You're not alone. The power and the independence that you can enjoy with a smart phone or tablet is unlimited, especially for people with vision loss. However, if you need your mobile device to talk to you to use it, you need to understand the difference between artificial intelligence, screen-reader technology, and dictation. These are 3 very different features of your smart device that might get confusing when you're just getting started. Watch and share this video to learn how accessible mobile devices can be for people with all degrees of vision loss. No vision required: [CLICK HERE FOR YOUTUBE VIDEO](#)

A Review of the Orbit Reader 40 by Scott Davert, Coordinator at the Hellen Keller Technology and Research Center

In January of 2018, I reviewed the original Orbit Reader 20 From Orbit Research. It was "intended primarily as a braille display for reading braille files and for connecting to external devices. With a much lower price point than other 20-cell displays, the Orbit Reader 20 does not have many of the other features found in braille devices that cost thousands of dollars more." Fast forward to 2021 and Orbit Research has a new device that is a 40-cell display, featuring Cursor Routing Buttons, built in translation options, connectivity for up to 5 Bluetooth devices and much more. This was done while developing a solid braille device while keeping the price far below other comparable options. Read more here: [HKNC: A Review of the Orbit Reader 40 \(helenkeller.org\)](#)

Community Connections

Merry Christmas: Winston-Salem Event

On Thursday, December 2nd the Winston-Salem Twin City Host Lions club will be at IFB Solutions to spread a little holiday cheer! All blind and visually impaired employees will receive a gift bag full of holiday treats from 3:00-4:00 in the cafeteria. You can look forward to a visit from Santa and Christmas tunes by S.E.E. instructor Charity Hampton.

Lunch and Learn (Winston-Salem)

Wake Forest Medical School will be hosting a lunch for survey group participants the week of December 6 – 9 in TAD's Room, noon to 1pm. Lunch is provided free of charge. This survey is limited to blind and low vision participants only. Space is limited. To register or if you have questions, please contact Chris Flynt at EXT 5620. You must have your supervisor's approval to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting (Adult Support Groups)

<https://ifbsolutions.zoom.us/j/99498078576?pwd=ODJzK0sxcXZrME9yN25YRTdiNXBSQT09>

Meeting ID: 994 9807 8576

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