

**IFB Beat
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News to Know

Poncho Liner Now on Amazon



For more than 30 years, IFB Solutions Asheville facility has made poncho liners for the Marines and Army. Many of our employees who are veterans remember using them during their service. Over the years, the poncho liners have been given the nickname ‘woobie’ for the comfort, warmth and protection they give our men and women in service.

Once an exclusive military product, the Pinnacle Mercantile Authentic Woobie is now available on [Amazon](#) for the public.

Coming soon to the IFB Beat: Press release and blog from an IFB Solutions employee who remembers using this product during his military service. Stay tuned!

COVID Update

Free at-home COVID-19 tests are now available. All households are eligible for 4 tests. Click here to

order: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Or call 1-800-232-0233

USPS has a website set up for people have problems ordering tests. Most issues come from apartment buildings or multi-family buildings.

For help go here: <https://emailus.usps.com/s/the-postal-store-inquiry>

SCAM ALERT: No one will call, text, or email you from the federal government to ask for your information to “help” you order free kits.

Hourly Employee: Handbook

A friendly reminder to all hourly employees: The hourly employee handbook has been revised and uploaded into Paycom. Please be sure to go into your Paycom portal and review and check off/acknowledge receipt. The file is titled “IFB Solutions Handbook Hourly – 01.01.2022”. If you need any assistance accessing your Paycom portal, please ask your supervisor to submit a ticket to HR and they will schedule an appointment with you.

IFB Solutions - Roar Winston Salem

Roar is opening their doors to raise money for some of Winston-Salem’s most beloved charities and we are on the list! There are 200 tickets available for each charity. Each ticket is \$50 and comes with two free beverages and an hour of Boutique Bowling or an hour on the Virtual Golf Simulator. Tickets can be used Sunday – Thursday and are valid up to 6 months. Roar is located at 633 North Liberty Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Purchase tickets here and then make your reservation by emailing, info@roarws.com. All proceeds benefit programs and services.

Tickets are limited, so purchase today!

Programs and Services

See What S.E.E. is Doing!

S.E.E. After School Winston kids enjoyed the space exhibit at Kaleideum North. Check out our future astronauts.



Winston-Salem Braille Classes

Would you like to learn Braille or brush up on your Braille skills?

- Come to a meeting in Tad's room on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5 PM for more information. Be ready to share what you want to learn or practice in Braille class. Call Kim Flanagan with any questions at 336-245-5669.

Awareness = Braille + Chocolate

(Winston-Salem ONLY) Send a message in Braille and large print attached to a piece of chocolate for \$2 to promote Braille awareness on Valentine's Day. Submit your note (no more than 2 typed lines) to

Anastasia Powell at apowell@ifbsolutions.org or Kim Flanagan at kflanagan@ifbsolutions.org by February 1. It could be an “I love you” to that special someone or a “thank you”.

All money is due to Anastasia or Kim by February 1. Chocolates with messages will be given out on Monday, February 14. All the money will go to the Student Enrichment Experience (S.E.E.) Program for the kids. We ❤️ Braille!

Adult Support Group Meetings:

- Monday, January 24 Guide Dog support group meeting from 12:00-12:45 in TADS Room.
- Tuesday, January 25 Glaucoma support group meeting from 12:00-12:45 in TADS Room.
- Thursday, January 27 Blind Ambitions support group meeting from 12:00-12:45 in TADS Room.

Community Low Vision Center

CLVC Item of the Week:

Atomic Talking Clock - \$59.95 - This radio-controlled clock is synchronized with the time of the US Atomic Clock and changes to standard time/daylight saving time automatically. Once set up, you can have your main unit display time, date, or indoor and outdoor temperatures on a large backlit LED screen. The press of a button lets you scroll through displays. Pressing yet another button causes the current information to be read aloud by a pleasant female voice. Or, set this clock for automatic vocal announcements of time and temperature from 8:00am to 10:00pm.

January item of the month:

Jumbo and Giant Print 2022 Calendar - \$7.95 and up.

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

Insider Corner

Want a Movie in Your Mind?

These days many are well versed in listening to audio books. The convenience of reading while doing other things helps the time fly. If your someone who wants to add more action to the existing story style, Graphic Audio may be the solution. From westerns, historical fiction, mysteries, science fiction, to horror, these movies in your mind presents a full cast of actors, narration, sound effects and cinematic music. With over 180 series, numerous titles, podcast, and short stories, there will be something you'll enjoy.

Visit: GraphicAudio.net or listen to samples on their YouTube page.

If you'd like to share information in the Insider Corner, contact Faith Harding at:

FHarding@ifbsolutions.org. Have an awesome week!

Community Connections

Congrats to S.E.E. Program's Jay Hardwig

His first book, Just Maria was released this month. It is based on his expertise working with children who are blind. Maria is a 12-year-old girl who is blind. She really wants to be known for what she does, not for her disability. The middle-grades novel centers on her friendship with her neighbor JJ, the school eccentric, who challenges her to stretch herself by doing a few decidedly different things in public so she can prove her merit. If she proves worthy, she and JJ can join

the Twinnoggin Detective Agency (which JJ imagines) and solve local mysteries. Learn more:jayhardwig.com.

Opportunities

We are HeRe for you!

Our goal at IFB Solutions is for each employee to thrive both inside and outside of work! Do you realize how many resources and opportunities are available within our own company and even in the community? Our Community Low Vision Center has great tools to help you excel! We also have support groups, where you can connect with other employees. We even have career and personal development opportunities to help you become more independent in any area you would like to advance. Take advantage of the tools that are available by requesting a meeting with Haleigh Yarboro, our Certified HR Transition Representative.

Job Announcements

Optical Customer Service Support Agent I

Education and work experience:

- **High School Diploma or GED equivalent**
- **Bilingual English and Spanish a plus but not required.**
- **3 to 6 months minimum of general customer service experience required.**

Internal candidates may apply [here](#).

External candidates may apply [here](#).

Anti-Reflection Technician I (Day Shift)

Education and work experience:

- High School diploma or GED equivalent
- 1 years of Optical lab experience

External candidates may apply [here](#).

Internal candidates may apply [here](#).

Anti-Reflection Technician I (Night Shift)

Education and work experience:

- High School diploma or GED equivalent
- 1 years of Optical lab experience

External candidates may apply [here](#).

Internal candidates may apply [here](#).

Please contact Brent Burkholder at X5611 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Join Zoom Meeting (Adult Support Groups)

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

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