

# IFB Beat

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## News to Know

### [Poncho Liner Now on Amazon](#)



Since 1991, the IFB Solutions Asheville facility has made poncho liners for the Marines and Army. Many of our employees who are veterans remember using the liner 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!**

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### [Free COVID-19 Testing Kits](#)

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

Click [HERE](#) to order 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 units.

Click [HERE](#) for help from USPS

- 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.

Please wear your mask, social distance where possible and stay home if you are sick. Together, we can reduce the spread of COVID-19 at our facilities and keep our staff healthy and safe.

Questions about COVID-19? Speak to the IFB Solutions medical team or email the IFB Coronavirus Response Team at [staysafe@ifbsolutions.org](mailto:staysafe@ifbsolutions.org)

## Hourly Employees: 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.

## Winston-Salem Cafeteria – Phone Line

Don't forget! If you need the cafeteria menu in advance, call 336-759-0551, ext. 5709 and listen to the weekly menu, or stop by the Employee Information Wall to read the menu options.

*\*Due to supply chain issues, the menu could change at the last minute, but we will do our best to stick to the script!*

## ROAR: A New Entertainment Venue Supports IFB

Buy your tickets today!

For \$50, you get access to ROAR including 2 drink tickets, and either 1 hour of boutique bowling or 1 hour of virtual golf.

Must buy your tickets by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

After you purchase your tickets call ROAR to reserve your spot. Tickets are good Sunday-Thursday through July.

ALL proceeds benefit IFB Solutions.

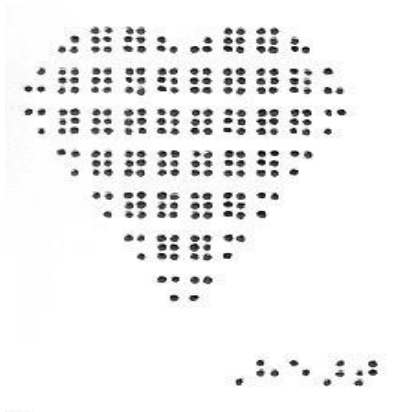
Scan the QR code to buy your tickets or go to [roarws.com/register](http://roarws.com/register).

*\*Make sure you choose IFB Solutions when choosing your charity to support! Thank you and have a blast!*

ROAR  
— PRESENTS —  
Drink/Golf/Bowl  
FOR A CAUSE  
Proceeds Benefit  
IFB Solutions  
IFB Solutions  
\$50 PER TICKET  
INCLUDES  
2 Drink Tickets + 1 Hour Boutique Bowling  
or 1 Hour Full Swing Virtual Simulator  
Purchase Tickets by visiting  
[roarws.com/register](http://roarws.com/register)  
or Scan QR Code  
633 N Liberty St - Winston-Salem

# Programs and Services

## 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](mailto:apowell@ifbsolutions.org) or Kim Flanagan at [kflanagan@ifbsolutions.org](mailto: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!

## 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

## See What S.E.E. is Doing

S.E.E. After School Winston student enjoyed the space exhibit at Kaleideum North. Check out our future astronauts! Thank you to Kaleideum staff for touring IFB and inviting our kids to the museum.



### 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 information is also read aloud via a button or set reminders.

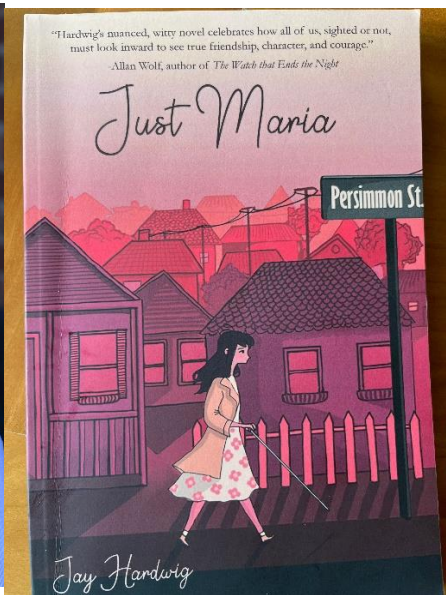
### January Item of the Month:

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

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



## 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.

[jayhardwig.com](http://jayhardwig.com).

# 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 you are 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: [www.GraphicAudio.net](http://www.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](mailto:FHarding@ifbsolutions.org). Have an awesome week!*

## 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](#).

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

### [Adult Support Group: Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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

Meeting ID: 994 9807 8576

PASSWORD: 92638

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location.

877 853 5257 US Toll-free

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