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Memo To: Executive Officers, Board Members, Chapter & Division Presidents & Others  
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Dear Federation Family,

The Presidential Release on August 1, 2024 provided a great deal of information for NFB members across the country. I was reminded that I never published a final number of registered members from South Carolina for the national convention. The National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina had 91 individuals registered for the national convention in Orlando, Florida! This is a terrific number and we can be proud of our representation there.

Excitement around the NFB of SC State Convention continues to grow as people continue to register after the early bird date has passed. I appreciate all of those who are assisting registrants with getting the registration form completed online as not all of our attendees have access to computers, tablets and the internet. We use an electronic registration process because it is the most accessible way for blind people to complete the process in an efficient manner. If you need assistance, please reach out to me and someone will assist you.

Beginning Friday, July 26, 2024, regular registration is \$100, student registration is \$60 and children under the age of 18 is \$30. If you have not registered for this event, please do so at <https://nfbofsc.org/node/178>.

In preparation for the memorial service at the state convention, please send the names of any members in your chapter or division who passed since the last state convention. Please send names to Melinda Jones at [melindajones0571@gmail.com](mailto:melindajones0571@gmail.com) or call her at 864-978-3230.

Palmetto Connects will take place on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the NFB of SC Zoom platform. There will be information about the state convention and other announcements shared at this event. To join by phone, dial 929-205-6099 and enter Meeting ID 803 254 3777. If you are using a computer or tablet, use the Join button in the Zoom app and enter the Meeting ID 803 254 3777. The passcode is 124578.

From Michelle Scott, Charleston Chapter President

Join the Charleston "Chucktown" Basket Fundraiser hosted by the Charleston Chapter! Dates: Sunday July 21, 2024 to Saturday August 17, 2024. The drawing will be held at the State Convention Banquet. You must be present to win. Grand Prize: Charleston "Chucktown" Basket full of delectable foods, treats and specialized items related to Charleston. Purpose: Offset cost of transportation to and from the state convention for first time and veteran attendees to receive education and to network. Ticket Options: - One ticket: \$2

- Six tickets: \$10

-Twelve tickets: \$20

How to participate

PayPal: <https://paypal.me/CharlestonChapter> Zelle: Use email

[nfbofsccharlestonchapter@gmail.com](mailto:nfbofsccharlestonchapter@gmail.com) Or mail a check to NFB Of SC Charleston Chapter 3109 Terry Drive North Charleston SC, 29405

From Belinda Banks, President of the South Carolina Blind Merchants Division

The Blind Merchants division is selling snack bags once again this year. The bags are \$10, and are full of goodies for you to enjoy. Every bag has at least \$25 worth of value to them, so get them while we have them!

Congratulations to the Scholarship class of 2024. This year's winners are Alena Hamlin, Patrick Ordonez from the Belvadeer Chapter and Elijah Taylor. We are proud of the accomplishments of our Scholarship Class of 2024!

Congratulations to our Palmetto Scholarship Grant winners which assist first-time attendees to the state convention with their expenses. The Palmetto Scholarship Grant winners for 2024 are Irving Middleton from the Charleston Chapter and Contressa Polite from the Greenville Chapter.

Lenora Robertson is serving as the Door Prize Chair for the NFB of SC State Convention. Cash and gift cards are always favorite items. You can purchase gift cards from the At Large chapter in the amount of \$25 or greater. Please bring your door prize contributions to the convention or you can mail them to Lenora

Robertson, 1258 Roundtree Circle, Rock Hill, SC 29732. Let's have an abundance of door prizes to share at the state convention.

From Lori Anne Coley, President, Sports and Recreation Division

Our Sports and Rec fundraiser is extended to August, coinciding with the state convention. All purchased tickets remain valid. Purchase \$20 tickets for a chance to win big, including a \$750 and a \$250 giveaway. Contributions support our Sports Camp Week for the Blind at Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind in Upstate South Carolina. Led by the NFBSC Sports and Rec Division, our mission is inclusive sports. Purchase tickets via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.me/sportrecnfbsc> or Zelle at [smfbsc21@yahoo.com](mailto:smfbsc21@yahoo.com). Goal: sell 100+ tickets by August 17, 2024, with the drawing at the state convention. Spread the word! For more information, contact Lori Anne Coley at 803-316-9838.

From the SC Association of Black Leaders

The SC Association of Black Leaders is thrilled to announce that we are extending our coffee basket fundraiser to the State Convention in August! The basket includes 1 tin of hot chocolate, three flavors of Starbucks coffee, two NFB tumblers, and a \$25 gift card. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10, every \$20 spent earns you an entry to win a Keurig! Purchase tickets at the NFB of SC PayPal or by sending a check or money order to the Federation Center at 119 S. Kilbourne Rd., Columbia, SC 29205, noting "coffee basket" in the memo field.

Things to Remember

Palmetto Connects August 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina State Convention is August 15-18, 2024 in Columbia, SC.