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

From: Marty R. McKenzie, President

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Dear Federation Family,

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 was the 23rd anniversary of the tragic destruction of the World Trade Center in New York City. This is the worst terrorist attack that has ever taken place on American soil and the effects of that day live in infamy. As we remember those innocent individuals who died and those whose lives were forever changed that day, let us be thankful for the great nation in which we live and the freedom we enjoy that others would deprive us of if permitted to do so.

We continue the fight to achieve greater independence and fair treatment by Uber and Lift. On September 11, 2001, Michael Hingson was on the 78th floor of the World Trade Center when the first plane struck it above him. After ensuring that his team were evacuating, his guide dog, Rosell, then led him down 78 flights of steps and another 40 blocks in New York City to safety in a friend's apartment. Yet, Uber and Lift want to deny blind citizens the right to travel with their dog guides. We must not allow this discriminatory behavior to continue. Steve Cook will represent South Carolina at the upcoming rally in California on October 15, 2024 as the Federation descends upon Uber and Lift headquarters. These transportation providers must do more than pay lip services, they must affect transformative change in their practices. Let's support our friends as they attend this important event.

Blind Equality Achievement Month (BEAM) begins October 1, 2024 and we need exciting BEAM events that showcase our many talents and success stories within the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina. Please share your events so that they can be shared in the Positive Note as well as on www.nfb.org.

From Thom Spittle

Win a beautiful handmade 60 by 66 inch blanket featuring the words Rocky Bottom and a picture of mountains and trees. Funds raised will benefit Children's camp.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Call Thom Spittle at 803-331-3344 to find out how to purchase your tickets. The drawing will be held at the Rocky Bottom Board Retreat.

From Marty R. McKenzie, President of the Clarendon County Chapter

The Clarendon County Chapter is raffling off a beautiful multi-colored Christmas afghan made and donated by Glenda Culick. Tickets are \$2 each or three tickets for \$5. You can mail a check to Marty McKenzie, 1516 Lucky Road, Lake City, SC 29560 to purchase your tickets. Checks should be made payable to Clarendon County Chapter NFB of SC. The lucky winner will be drawn at the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina Board Retreat which is scheduled for November 22-24, 2024 at the Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind.

From the Senior Division

The Senior Division of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina, is ready to warm you up and get you going! We are selling coffee and hot chocolate in whatever form you like (Ground, whole bean or K-Cups). The name of the company is "White Cane Coffee", founded by a blind woman. All the boxes are brailled, as are the individual K-cups. There are numerous flavored coffees to choose from, and the hot chocolate comes in either plain or a mint flavor. All coffee comes in regular or decaf and a variety of roasts are available as well. From a mild roast to "High Octane", there is surely a coffee which will be right for you. Please visit our website at <https://whitecanecoffee.com/ref/NFBSC-Seniors/>

Or call 814-218-2837 to order your coffee or hot chocolate today! When calling, be sure to inform them this is for the NFB of SC Senior Division in order for them to get credit for the sale!!!

Things to remember

- Clarendon County Chapter fundraiser drawing on November 23, 2024
- Senior Division Coffee Sale
- Rocky Bottom blanket drawing at the Board Retreat

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