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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,

South Carolina, along with other states, experienced a horrible hurricane in the form of Helene which wrought destruction and devastation throughout our state. While the western part of the state from the midlands back saw the greatest damage, the impact was statewide. Many people have damaged homes, cars and other property and many are still without power and other utilities. Let us keep our family, friends and neighbors in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Please reach out around you to see what you can do to help others.

Tuesday will mark October 1, 2024 and we are moving ever closer to November 5, 2024 which is election day this year. It is extremely important that every citizens vote in the election process to ensure that our voices are heard. Below is some information shared from a recent e-mail sent by the National Office.

Get Out and Vote!

The National Federation of the Blind advocates for Blind Americans' right to vote privately and independently. In anticipation of Election Day, review our voting resources and publications to learn how to exercise your right to vote.

Voting Resources

You can find the following voting resources at [www.nfb.org/vote](http://www.nfb.org/vote).

- Ballot Marking Device Demonstrations
- Election Information on NFB-NEWSLINE®

Resources by State

From Michelle Scott, President of the Charleston Chapter

The Charleston Chapter presents An Inspiring Talent Showcase, highlighting exceptional performances by Blind & Low Vision Individuals. This event will take place on October 5, 2024 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church located at 1400 Manor Boulevard, Charleston,

SC 29407. Admission cost is \$15 or 2/\$25. Kids cost is \$10. Food is heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert and drinks.

Charleston Chapter presents a White Cane Awareness Day Walk on October 12, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Marion Square at 329 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29403.

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

- Charleston Chapter BEAM events on October 5 and 12, 2024

- 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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