



### Dates to Remember

Jan 20-22 Lions  
Learning Retreat  
Manchester Cty  
Convention Ctr

Feb 16-19, 2023  
TN Lions Learning  
Institute  
Cumberland Univ  
Lebanon

March 17-18  
District 12N  
Convention  
Music Road  
Pigeon Forge

May 5-6, 2023  
MD12 State Conv  
Downtown Hilton  
Knoxville

### DG RICH'S POST- "Between the Lions"

It is great to look back on the District 12N activities during the first six months of my DG term in 2022. My hats off to all of the clubs that held events and fundraisers in their respective communities in these post-Covid times.

**Save the date: March 17 – 18, 2023**, for our annual District 12N Convention to be held at the Music Road Resort & Convention Center in Pigeon Forge. Texas ID Sam Lindsey will be our guest speaker along with many surprises! Rumor has it that our beloved moonshine hospitality suite might make a return visit. Stay tuned for registration info...

As we start our New Year of 2023, it is not too early to think about Club and District 2023-2024 elections. We need two Lions to step up and fill vacancies at the district level **immediately!** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Frank McCall and I need your assistance before the convention to fill the current 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG spot and then the other spot when he/she moves up to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG after the elections. I understand it is very difficult to fill these spots due to the constraints of the new LCI by-laws but we have many talented individuals in our 42 clubs. **Please consider this a formal 'ask.'**

Please post your club activities including photos of your Food Packing Event deliveries in social media. Keep me posted on your upcoming meeting and spring activities calendar. **THANX!!!**

DG Rich Wilson

# Vice Governor Frank's Musings



## Tennessee School for the Blind

The holiday season is one time of the year I know you enjoy giving gifts. I just wanted to let everybody know that our district does not leave anybody out. We thrive on participation and make a positive impact on our efforts that we support. So, I would like to tell you about the Tennessee School for the Blind.

The Tennessee School for the Blind is in Nashville, Tennessee. This School has been around since 1844 and meets the needs of visually impaired students that live in the state of Tennessee. Through a tradition of academics, TSB places a major emphasis on areas such as braille, mobility, technology, and independent living skills. Students can also enjoy other activities such as team sports, campus clubs or other organizations.

But how do the Lions participate? Through our worthwhile efforts of collecting White Cane Funds, we as 12-N Lions make a difference in several ways. At Christmas time, each student is given a cash gift of \$100. Each year at graduation, the salutatorian of the graduating class is given an award in recognition of academic excellence. The Graduating Senior Survival Program provides the students with aids and appliances to help them with after school life. These items include such things as heated gloves, talking thermometers, talking clocks and liquid fill indicators.

Our District Chairperson is PDG Dean Harshbarger and keeps us informed to the personal and special needs of the students. It is important that we continue each year to support this institution.

Happy New Year to everyone!

1st VDG Frank McCall



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## CARYVILLE CARES PLAYGROUND GROUNDBREAKING



On a beautiful November morning, Officials of the Caryville community joined members of the Caryville Lions Club for an official groundbreaking for their new All Inclusive Playground. The picture below portrays members of the Lions Club along with poster child Craig in the middle!





# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## WEST KNOX LIONS CHRISTMAS WITH THE GRANNIES



On Saturday December 10, 2023, the West Knox Lions Club hosted their yearly mission of service for the Wesley House Grannies. This was their Christmas Luncheon/ Bingo Party. The club and members provided a delicious meal, bingo

prizes and gift(s) from their wish list.

District Governor Rich was the honored guest and the Bingo caller. The West Knox Club members all pulled together to make this a very eventful day for the Ladies.

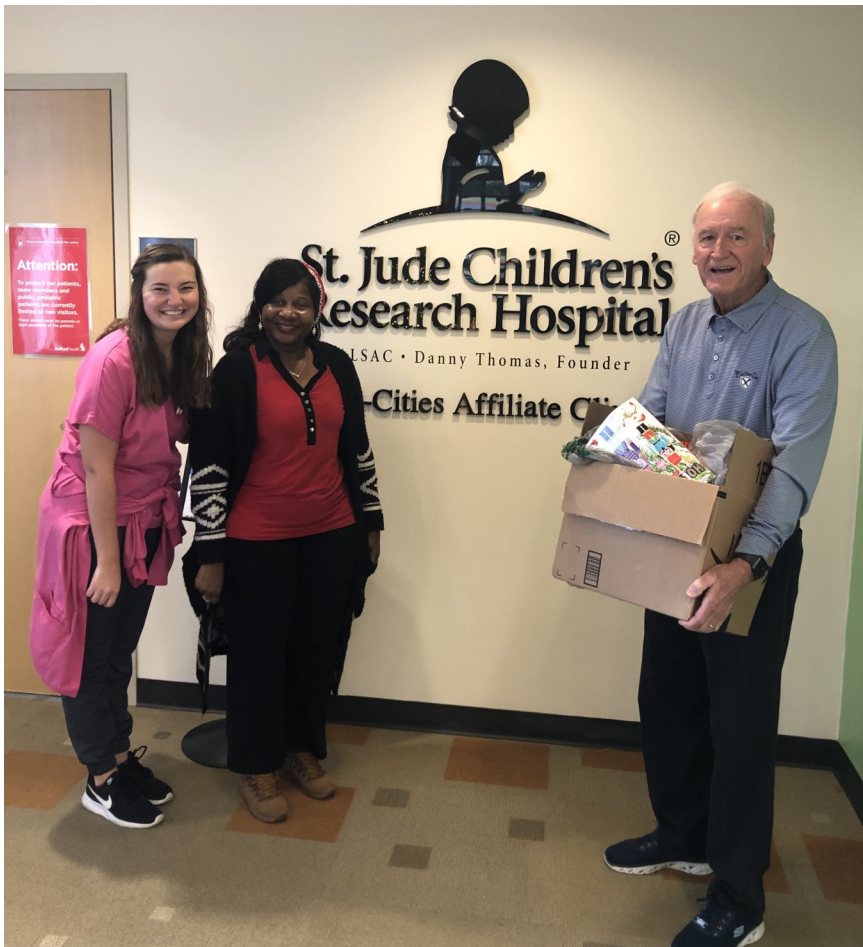


Special thanks to Lion Nancy Hall, Omega Nicely, Sue Hilliker, Myra Richardson, and Jim McFarland for cooking, baking, purchasing supplies and making different items. Thanks to all the West Knox Lion members who unselfishly help to bring joy to this special group of elderly ladies.



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## JOHNSON CITY LIONS DELIVERING HOLIDAY GIFTS



Club President Doris Kaifa and PDG Ed Gibbons delivering toys to St Jude Children's Hospital

PDG Ed Gibbons delivers Christmas cards to VA Chaplain Lt Col Cliff Vicars.





# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## MARYVILLE LIONS FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Paulette & Chuck Bailey deliver food boxes to Kevin at Community Food Connection

The club also provided food boxes to a halfway house and Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Below Chuck & Paulette deliver food boxes to the Blount County Community Action Agency - Meals on Wheels Program.





# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## SEVIER COUNTY LIONS SERVING DURING CHRISTMAS



Lions Frank & Terry ringing the bells for the Salvation Army



Sevier Lions prepared 660 Christmas Cards that were delivered to both the Veteran's Last Patrol and to the residents of the Ben Atchley TN State Veterans Home in Knoxville.



Lion members Bob and Kim are busy making ornaments for local Veterans



A total of 150 "Thank You for your Service" Christmas ornaments were delivered by Lions Deanna and Brian to the residents of the Ben Atchley TN State Veterans Home



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## DISTRICT 12N FOOD PACKING EVENT - 12/6/22



On December 6, 2022 over 90 Volunteers representing 26 clubs and Combat Vets gathered at The Hangar (Pathways Church) in Sevierville for the District's 3rd Annual food packing event. The group packaged 30,000 meals of mac n cheese, pasta and tomato sauce and soup for distribution to those in need throughout the communities of District 12N. Those clubs present and who came to pick up boxes of food each received at least 4 boxes for their communities.

The 1st group shift was so efficient that the task was completed earlier than expected.

Pathways church not only provided the awesome facility but they also provided lunch from Chik-fil-A! **THANK YOU!**

Also a big **THANK YOU** to Operation Inasmuch for providing the food to package and the work station setup!



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## DISTRICT 12N FOOD PACKING EVENT (cont)





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### **DISTRICT 12N CHARITY BOARD ELECTIONS**

Fellow Lions of District 12-N:

If you have a desire to serve your District, here is the chance to do that.

The 12-N Charities Board will have 2023-2024 elections at our March 18th 12N Convention. Four Lions that have served will be coming off the Board and we will need to fill these positions.

If you are interested in serving on this board, please send me your Name and Club information. This position on the board is for a three-year term.

The board meets four time a year at the Cabinet meetings and at the yearly district convention.

Your in Lions Service

PDG Bill Slover

Chairman Nomination 12-N charities

E-mail [ort0211@hotmail.com](mailto:ort0211@hotmail.com)

Phone Number 865-803-2198



## **OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS**

**CALLING ALL DISTRICT 12N LEADERS**  
**Deadline for Candidate Qualification is**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

### **ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO BECOME 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEXT YEAR???**

Are you an active member of your club?

Have you been Club President?

Have you been a Board member of your club for two or more years?

Have you been a Zone Chair, Region Chair, District Secretary or District Treasurer?

Are you willing to accept the challenge and become our District Governor in 2025?

**For more information and details, please contact PDG Chuck Bailey at 423/371-9737 or email at [chuckyegg001@gmail.com](mailto:chuckyegg001@gmail.com)**



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### Proposed 2023-2024 Lions District 12N Charities Budget

Trustees/Directors of Lions District 12N Charities, Inc. met on December 5, 2022 for the purpose of allocating available funds for the Charities Projects to be presented to the membership at the Charities Meeting for consideration in conjunction with the District 12N Convention on March 18, 2023.

PROJECT	Final
Childhood Cancer	\$0.00
Diabetes Awareness	\$1,000.00
ETLEB	\$1,000.00
Hearing & Speech Foundation	\$1,500.00
Leader Dogs	\$2,000.00
Learning Ally	\$500.00
Lions Quest	\$1,000.00
LVBI (Volunteer Blind Ind)	\$20,000.00
TSB (TN School for Blind)	\$1,000.00
TSD (TN School for Deaf)	\$1,000.00
World Services for Blind	\$0.00
Braille Slate	\$0.00
Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
Discretionary Fund	\$3,000.00
Operating Expense	\$860.00
<b>Total Proposed '23-'24 Charities Budget</b>	<b>\$33,860.00</b>



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Proposed Administrative Changes Charities Projects

At the December 5th meeting of the 12N Charities Board, two administrative changes to the names of Charities Projects were approved for presentation to the membership at the District 12N Convention on March 18, 2023.

Article VIII Charities Projects and Grants - Section 3 Designated Charities and Projects

Subparagraph 5)

Tennessee Lions Charities (Tennessee School for the Blind Fund)

Subparagraph 6)

Parent Teacher Counselor Association of Tennessee School for the Deaf

These changes are made to specify that the funds are designated for the sole benefit of the students.

The Board also approved the addition of KAPA to the list of approved Charities Projects for consideration by the membership at the Charities meeting held in conjunction with the District 12N Convention March 18.

The following change is proposed to add Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA) to the list of designated charities projects to be supported, and to renumber the remaining paragraphs of this section. This change is being proposed in case changes to funding sources for the KAPA program become necessary.

Article VIII Charities Projects and Grants - Section 3 Designated Charities and Projects

Subparagraph

13) Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA)

14) District Governor's Emergency Fund (See Section 4)

15) District Discretionary Fund (See Section 5)

16) Proceeds from eyeglass recycling will be given to a 501c(3) organization that Provides free or greatly reduced eye exams or glasses to individuals in need of such Services in Lions District 12N.



## **REMINDER Of 12N SCHOLARSHIPS**

Your District is offering Scholarships for the following upcoming events:



### **Lions Learning Retreat January 20-22, 2023**

Manchester Coffee County Conference Center  
Manchester, Tennessee

DG Rich gets one free registration to distribute but the District has also approved offering 10 registration scholarships for the first individuals to sign-up. The registration form is attached below.



### **2023 TLLI 2023 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute Thurs. PM - Noon Sunday, Feb 16-19, 2023 Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN**



The District has approved 10 scholarships in the amount of \$150 which should cover the cost of the whole weekend. This is on a reimbursement basis and you must complete the entire Institute to be paid. Should you have any questions, contact PDG Chuck Bailey at 423-371-9737 or [chuckyegg001@gmail.com](mailto:chuckyegg001@gmail.com). The registration form is attached below.





# Lions Learning Retreat

**January 20-22, 2023**

Manchester Coffee County Conference Center  
Manchester, Tennessee

**Name #1** \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be used on name tag \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_\_ Non-Lion \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**First Time Attendee?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Meals:** Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Low Sodium \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

**Name #2** \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_\_ Non-Lion \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**First Time Attender?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Meals:** Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Low Sodium \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

**Early registration - MUST be Postmarked by November 1, 2022** \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_ **Late registration -- post-**  
**marked by January 5, 2023** \$140.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Includes all seminars. Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Banquet & Sunday Brunch

**On-site registration – May NOT receive meals** \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_ includes all seminars but  
NO MEALS

**Saturday only Registration available until December 20, 2022** \$90.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Includes seminars, Lunch & Banquet for Saturday

**Mark if appropriate -- Will NOT attend --**

**Friday meal** \_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday dinner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday brunch** \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **Lions Learning Retreat**

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the LLR to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card. **Add Convenience Fee of \$5 per Reg.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Send all registrations and payments to:**

**Lion Jim McFarland, 8030 Whitestone RD, Knoxville, TN 37938**

## **Lions Learning Retreat (cont)**

The Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality BLVD, in Manchester

**Please call today** for room reservations. **931-728-9383** and ask for Lions Rate of \$114.00 plus taxes

Additional Important Information: **This rate is good till NOVEMBER 16. Reservations made after that date will pay a higher room rate.**

**The tradition of a Basket Auction continues.** This helps keep the cost of the LLR registration as low as possible. If every club would bring a gift basket to be auctioned on Saturday night much more fun. Can we count on you to bring a gift basket? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Another tradition is the first-timer seminar at 5 PM on Friday night.** This is valuable time spent if this is your first LLR. Learn what to expect from the LLR and meet other Lions that have not attended an LLR.

I would like to attend! \_\_\_\_\_ It'll be worth getting there early!

### **Return on Investment of time and finances by attending the LLR.**

Have fun learning to be a better Lion, increase your education on all things Lions, hone your leadership skills and help your club become the club you wished it was. **If it is to be, it is up to me.**

Another NEW TRADITION this year!!!

We will be selling ads in the proceeding's booklet ....

FULL PAGE	\$100
½ PAGE	\$ 50
¼ PAGE	\$ 25
PATRON	\$ 10 -- one line listing with all the patrons (NAME & CLUB)





## 2023 TLLI

### 2023 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute Thurs. evening - Noon Sunday, Feb 16-19, 2023



A 3-day institute designed for Tennessee Lions with less than 5 years as members in Lions Clubs International. All Lions are welcome.



**Cumberland**  
UNIVERSITY

One Cumberland Square, Lebanon, TN 37087  
Lodging at Comfort Suites, 904 Murfreesboro Rd.  
Lebanon, TN 37090 (Exit 238 off I-40)

**WHAT:** Interactive participation with your peers and faculty in a casual environment dealing with what Lions are all about. While all Lions who have not attended a Regional Institute are welcome to register, this Institute is Intended to arm newer Lions with skills and experiences needed to navigate the challenges of modern-day Lions. Issues such as “Diversity” “Working in Teams” “Lions Fundamentals” “Who do I ask?” “How do I break through in a club with outdated ideas?” are addressed. This is your opportunity to get your questions answered by a faculty of LCI Certified Trainers from outside Tennessee.

**DRESS:** Casual attire, no vests, no name badges, just your Lions pin and an open mind.

**COST:** 2023 TLLI is subsidized by a grant from LCI and your Multidistrict 12 Council of Governors as an investment in your future as a Tennessee Lion. However, the subsidies don’t cover the full cost. Therefore, the cost to each student is \$150.00 (double occupancy), for 3 nights lodging, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Friday and Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. If you would rather not share a room, the rate will be slightly higher. See the registration page to contact Chuck Bailey. (If you desire to be a student but find the cost to be beyond your means, contact your District Governor Team, scholarships may be available to you.)

#### SCHEDULE:

##### Thurs, Feb. 16 (at Comfort Suites)

3 – 6:00 PM Check-in, room assignments, receive schedules and materials, meet the faculty 6 –  
8:00 PM Dinner on your own

<u>Fri, Feb. 17</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 18</u>	<u>Sun, Feb 19</u>
7:30 AM Breakfast@ Motel	7:30 AM Breakfast @ motel	7:30 AM Breakfast @ mote
8:30 AM Morning Sessions	8:30 AM Morning Sessions	8:30 AM Morning Session
Noon Lunch	Noon Lunch	10:30 AM Closing Session
1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions	1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions	and Graduation
6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Group Activity (TBA)	6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Homework assign- ment	Noon Completion of TLLI



## 2023 TLLI Enrollment Registration



Mail this Registration form along with a check of \$150.00 per registrant made payable to:  
2023 TLLI and mail to:

Lions District 12N Charities, Inc.

c/o CA Bailey For more info or questions call

709 Shannondale Way Chuck Bailey at 423.371.9737

Maryville, TN 37922

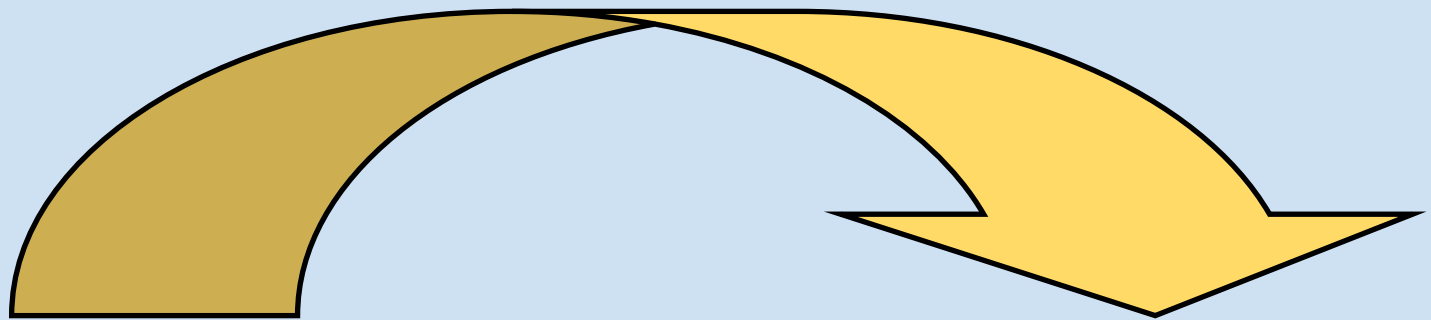
### First Student:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Lions Club
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Cell Phone	Home Phone	Email	
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Mobility Issues? <hr/>			
Roommate Preference? <hr/>			

### Second Student:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Lions Club
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Cell Phone	Home Phone	Email	
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Mobility Issues? <hr/>			
Roommate Preference? <hr/>			





## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Anthony Orahoske - Dandridge  
Jacqui Orahoske - Dandridge  
Deborah Hicks - Knoxville East  
Jackie Robinson—Knoxville East  
Catherine Rasberry - Maryville

*WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS*

## **IN MEMORY OF**

Seth Wheatley - Oak Ridge





## **NEWS & VIEWS ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS**

**We NEED your stories and photos. We know you are serving your communities. Whether it is a service project, a fundraiser, Officer Installations, New Member Inductions or thanking a member for a job well done - let us know what you are doing. We can all learn off each other!**

**Articles for the News & Views should be in WORD or JPEG formats and NOT PDF formats. Font size should be at least 16 and 200 words is the maximum limit for articles. If photos are submitted (encouraged) the articles should be no longer than 110 words and please name the people in the photo(s) if possible. Submit all articles and photos to Paulette Bailey at [ladipee@gmail.com](mailto:ladipee@gmail.com) by the 20th of the month.**





**Did you know that Lions Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown and Johnson City employs over 100 disabled individuals, some of whom have been with us over 30 years?**

This team of highly-skilled employees produce mattresses, foundations, mattress pads, army and navy physical-fitness pants, helmet covers for the military, and industrial paper towels. The products made by our blind and visually-impaired employees can be found in homes, colleges and universities, hotels and resorts, and on military bases both at home and abroad.

Begun in 1951 by the combined efforts of Lions Club Members, the National Industries for the Blind, the State of Tennessee, and other interested individuals, **Lions Volunteer Blind Industries** began our mission of providing blind people with **"The dignity of independence through employment."** Our goal is to help people who are blind to help themselves by achieving personal and economic independence.

***We are always hiring blind and visually-impaired people, and offer a very competitive compensation and benefit package. We can use your help to recruit visually-impaired applicants! How? Get the word out in your community and refer interested applicants to us by sharing this link: <https://www.facebook.com/ComfortCraftersMorristown/videos/186130468965042/>***

**How can we help YOU? Please consider us for a fundraiser with our Comfort Crafters® mattresses!**



For more information about employment opportunities, please contact

Michele Love at 423-586-3922 ext 123, or by email at: [Michele.Love@volblind.org](mailto:Michele.Love@volblind.org).



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