# **Mar 2022**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18-19
District 12N
Convention

Mar 24-27
TLLI—TN Lions
Learning Institute

April 1-3
LLR—Lions
Learning Retreat

# **DG PAULETTE'S POST**

**ALOHA** - It's Convention Month! I hope you have your registrations in as there are only a couple days left for you to join us for the festivities and election of our new leadership team for 2022-2023! We have Elvis joining us Friday night and a Murder Mystery dinner show Saturday night plus a little hula dancing thrown in both nights!

I also hope you have been able to sign up for the TLLI - TN Lions Learning Institute. It's a great way to hone your personal skills and learn off of others. I realize it directly follows the District Convention but remember, our District is reimbursing your TLLI expenses with a scholarship once you attend and submit your expenses.

COVID is still affecting my last few club visits but I'll keep trying. If you would like me to come back and visit your club again, please let me know. I would be happy to do that!

As noted last month, it is time to be putting together and electing your Club Officers for the 2022 -2023 Lions year. Please try to have your elections completed and reported by May at the latest.

Yours in Lionism, *DG Paulette* 

# Vice District Governor's Musings



### Rich's Review

Spring 2022 will be here in a few weeks, the days are getting longer and the weather warmer. Telltale signs that the Tennessee Lions Conventions are here. In fact, every weekend there will be an event: March 4 (District L); March 11 (District O); March 18 (our own District N): March 24 (TLLI - TN Lions Learning Institute; and April 1 (LLR—Lions Learning Retreat)!

DG Paulette has spent tireless hours planning a great Hawaiian-themed District 12N Convention complete with a luau AND ELVIS!! Registration forms are attached and it is in our own backyard of Knoxville! Round up your club members, register and enjoy the camaraderie. Our District business meetings will be Saturday.

TLLI (3/24-27) and LLR (4/1-3) are training seminars to develop and provide knowledge to our Lions membership and to find out the latest from Lions Clubs International. Reimbursable scholarship money is available for both events once you attend and submit your expenses to the District Treasurer, Kathy Burrow. Your Club President has details, so please take advantage of this special training offer. Encourage new and veteran Lion members to attend to learn the latest and greatest information to benefit themselves and your clubs.

Checkout the many webinars that your club can take advantage of at no cost. ZOOM meetings generally last an hour and cover a host of topics.

Developing new clubs and obtaining new members is nothing new. However, LCI is expanding its potential base from which to draw ranks from a dwindling membership. Contact businesses, hospitals, schools, City Hall, etc. to find leads. Don't forget your Chamber of Commerce to find your next leaders or your Public Library or Post Office to find out who has moved into your city.

There are many Lions who are moving into District 12N from California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, etc. Don't forget to leave your Lions Club membership application at high-traffic areas so you can be discovered!

See you soon!

1st Vice District Governor, Rich Wilson

# Activities of the Clinton Lions Club



Two outstanding Lions were inducted into the TN Lions Hall of Fame. The awards were presented by Lion Robert Jones to PDG John Kelsey and PDG Neal Vaughn in recognition of their dedication and service to Lionism and their community.

While visiting the Clinton Lions Club recently, PDG Wendy Cain had the pleasure of inducting a new member into the club - Lion Jim Shetterly. Congratulations Clinton Lions and welcome, Lion Jim, to the Lions family.



Also present at the meeting was PDG Millie Burke who presented the Club Excellence Award for the Lions Year 2020-2021. She also presented the Club Excellence pin to Past President Kathy Jones who led the club during that year.

In January the club worked with the Oak Ridge Lions Club to screen 242 middle school students at Robertsville Middle School in Oak Ridge.

In the meantime, plans are underway to build a ramp for a person in a wheelchair for easier access to his home, holding a fundraiser at the Spring Antique Festival in downtown Clinton May 6-7 and sponsoring an Anderson County Veterans Breakfast in August.

Clinton Lions enjoy serving their community!

# **Inskip Lions Club Community Mural**



In conjunction with the Inskip Lions Club, Artist Megan Lingerfelt created this mural on the side of the Inskip Lions Club building sharing the history of the community and the ways the Inskip Lions interact with them. It is right next door to Inskip Elementary School so the teachers, parents and students can enjoy it as well.

The mural has the Lions logo on one end and the school logo on the other end. Stretching from one logo to the other is a railroad track (prominent in Inskip's founding) weaving behind and around the symbols of eyeglasses for vision care, a service dog sporting a "We Serve" banner, the popular Inskip Pool originally built and managed by the Inskip Lions Club, a postal stamp for Inskip's early post office history and books representing the Inskip Lions Club building's history of having served as a local library branch, as well as a reference to education. One of the books is titled, <u>The Miracle Worker</u> in a nod to the relationship of Helen Keller to Lions International history.

Congratulations to the Inskip Lions Club as this article was featured in the Winter issue of the Lions Magazine!

Inskip Lions Club Members standing in front of their Community Mural



Also Highlighted in the Winter edition of Lions Magazine

# **OAK RIDGE LIONS CLUB**

The Oak Ridge Lions club encourages people in their community to complete a short questionnaire from the American Diabetes Association to assess whether people are likely to be pre-diabetic.

Many clubs in District 12N are working together to raise awareness of diabetes and pre-diabetes with this screening questionnaire.

If you would like a copy of the questionnaire, please reach out to our District Diabetes Chair, Doug Haseltine at his email Haseltin@chartertn.net or call at 423-239-9178.

# Oak Ridge Lions Food Drive



On February 12, 2022, the Oak Ridge Lions Club held a food drive to benefit Brysonn's Closet – A Storehouse of Hope. Brysonn's Closet helps the impoverished by connecting donations with people in need. They operate a thrift store and have a food pantry for people and pets.

Their outreach is huge, helping folks in rural counties that

include Anderson, Union, Roane, Morgan, Scott and Campbell.

In just three hours, Lions collected 596 food items. A \$20.00 gift card was donated, and \$87.00 in cash. The monetary donations were used to purchase chicken and other meat products as Brysonn's does have a small freezer.

Our Lions had their hearts warmed as donors shared stories of how the Lions Club had helped them in the past with eyeglasses and exams. Several persons asked where they could purchase brooms and mops. We hope to participate in the Oak Ridge Secret City festival this year where we will begin selling these items once again.





# Sevier County Lions Prepare Valentines treats For Seniors



Sevier County Lions Club members assembled and delivered Valentine treat bags to the assisted and independent living residents at Mountain Brook Village of Sevierville, in addition to the Pigeon Forge High School Leo students making valentine cards.



Lions Deanna, David, Terry, Kristy and Frank filling treat bags



Lions Ranee, David, Kathi, Terry and Kristy decorating treat bags



Left— Mountain Brook activities employee Vickie and Lion Kristy preparing for the party.

Right—Valentine cards made by the Pigeon Forge High School Leo Club members.



# Tellico Village Lions Launch New Fundraiser



When King Lion Larry Elder suggested a new fundraiser for the club to support, 3 Lions "stepped up" and volunteered to lead the initiative. From left to right Lions Kathy Dooley, Maureen Beyel and Linda Svoboda, organized the "theme" gift baskets which will be raffled away at future Lions events.

Over the past 4 months, 28 Lions, who volunteered to create a gift basket, have been busy assembling the baskets in their homes. There are Vols baskets, wine baskets, Tea & Coffee baskets, Baking Goods baskets, Gardening baskets - all kinds of baskets. The baskets are valued from \$20—\$300 and will be raffled at the upcoming Lions Chili Soup Dinner, Golf-for-Sight Scramble and Fall Oktoberfest.

# Activities of the West Knox Lions Club



Front Row—Myra Richardson, Beverly Gilmer, Sue Hilliker.

Back Row—Omega Nicely, Debbie Flanagan, Jayne Raparelli, Sheila, Dr. Wittke

# **Wesley House Grannies**

In December the West Knox Lions Club managed to complete 5 food missions in two days. On December 10th there was a sponsored luncheon with soups, chili, refreshments and desserts. After the luncheon club members packed Christmas bags with gifts each club member brought for the name they pulled. On December 11th they met at the LOC (Ladies of Charity) to pack food bags for the last food mission. Then they delivered the bags which brought joy and cheer to 26 Wesley House Grannies. The Ornaments for each granny were made by a club member.

# West Knox Lions Sweet Potato Crop Drop



Left— Karen West, Ron Welch & Jonathan West. Not pictured are helpers Tim Hilliker and Jim McFarland.

Below - Jonathan West and Karen West.

Several West Knox Lions participated in a Sweet Potato Crop drop on January 14 and 15.

39,700 pounds (nearly 20 tons) of sweet potatoes from

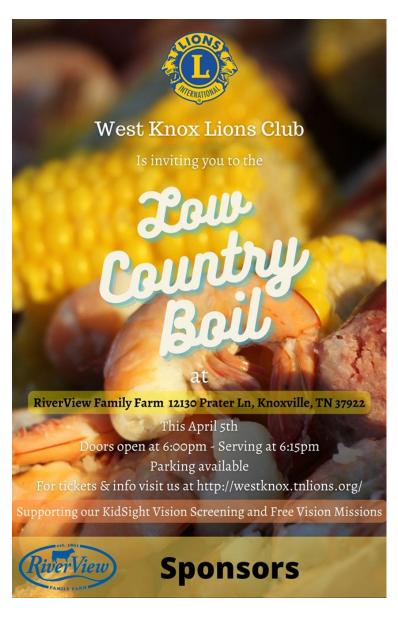


Bruce, Mississippi had been purchased by Concord United Methodist Church. The potatoes needed to be placed in 10 pound bags. These bags went to approximately 50 different food pantries in the east Tennessee area as well as kitchens serving the homeless, or unemployed such as KARM and The Love Kitchen.

This was purposely done during Martin Luther King weekend as a way to give back to the community.

# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

# West Knox Lions Fundraiser



The West Knox Lions will be hosting a Low Country Boil on Tuesday evening, April 5, at the scenic Riverview Farms in Concord, TN.

There will be the typical Low Country Boil food, shrimp, sausage, boiled corn and boiled potatoes. A delicious non seafood gumbo will also be available as well as liquid refreshments.

There will also be music and a fun evening with

proceeds going to support the Club's KidSight and monthly Vision Missions.

Tickets and details are available on the West Knox Lions website, westknox.tnlions.org, or from any West Knox Lions Club member.

# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



**REMINDER** - The District 12N website contains four (4) different Orientation sessions for you to view at your leisure. The link is **www.tnlions.org**, click under Member resources. These sessions were recorded during the Zoom presentations held between September—December 2021. The sessions held were as follows:

Session 1 - Club, District and Multiple District Structure

**Session 2** - Constitution and By-Laws and Club Officer Responsibilities

**Session 3** - Lions History, Global Cause Areas, and how LCIF empowers Lions Service

**Session 4** - White Cane, Service Opportunities, Self Development and Learning Opportunities for Lions to Grow

There are many other learning opportunities available on both the District website (above) and the Lions Clubs International website (www.lionsclubs.org) under the "Learn" tab. Check them out.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the District GLT Chair, PDG Chuck Bailey at chuckyegg001@gmail.com

# **DAY WITH THE LIONS**

# (District 12N Reverse Raffle Event) VENDOR INFORMATION

**Crafters** - we have a great opportunity for you! You and your friends are invited to sell your crafts at this event and by doing so you will be supporting the Lions 12N Charities.

**Event Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022** 

**Location**: Fountain City Park, 5345 N. Broadway Street. Knox-

ville, TN 37918

**Time:** 10:00 AM

### **Details:**

- 10 x 10 space can be reserved for \$25 (Lions will NOT take a percentage of your sales, but donations are acceptable)
- Set-up Time Check-in at gate by 9:00 AM—Vehicles MUST BE OUT of selling area by 10 AM
- Vendors must provide/bring Your own tent, table, chairs, etc.
- Make Checks Payable to: District 12N Charities. Payable when you sign up. Send check to Lion Nellie Harshbarger, P.O. Box 282, Norris, TN 37828. Phone 865/494-7599 or 865/705-5950.



Lions Peace Poster kits are now available at the Lions Store on the LCI website - www.lionsclubs.org, click on the shop icon and then click on supplies.

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest.

October 1st is the deadline to purchase kits.

All clubs are encouraged to work with their local schools and encourage student participation.

The Peace Poster kits are available for \$11.95

What a great way to spotlight some local talent! If their posters are selected as a Club winner, it can be sent to the District and if selected as a District winner then it can go to the Multiple District/State level and if selected as a winner at State it can be sent for possible recognition at the International level. Monetary awards are usually offered at all levels.

Let's recognize the talents of our young people!



# HAWAIIAN THEME

Wear Your Leis
Perform the Hula
Enjoy a Luau



# Exciting Entertainment

- · Friday, 3/18 Elvis is in the House
- · Saturday, 3/19 Crab Cakes n Murder Dinner Show



Knoxville, TN 37923

865/693-1011

Holiday Inn West
9134 Executive Park Dr

### LIONS DISTRICT 12N CONVENTION

EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK ANNUAL MEETING DISTRICT 12N CHARITIES, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

### \*\*\*UPDATED TO MARCH 18-19, 2022\*\*\*





# **ALOHA**

Hawaiian Theme, totally informal, wear your flowered shirts and muumuus, Leis provided

Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 865-693-1011 and referencing the Lions International District Governors Conference. Group rate is \$99.00 plus tax, including breakfast, parking, wi-fi, etc.

All reservations will need to be made by March 11, 2022 in order to get the group rate.

# Keynote Speaker - International Director, Justin K. Faber

NAME 1	Office/Position				
NAME 2	Office/Position				
Club (Name 1)	Club (Name 2)				
AddressCity_		State	ZIP		
Phone (best # to reach you)	Email				
Registration Fee (Registration mandatory for all attend		= \$	<b>.</b>		
Friday Dinner Country Fried Steak, Meatloaf, BBQ Ribs	\$35.00 EACH X	=\$	i		
Saturday Lunch Turkey & Ham Wraps	\$20.00 EACH X	=\$	i		
Saturday Dinner Luau Buffet Con (Compliments of East Tennessee Lions Ey			<u> </u>		
Special Dietary Needs (please be Specific)					
Mail Registration form by March 4, 2022. Make checks payable to: LIONS DISTRICT 12N					

Mail to: Kathy Burrow, Treasurer 700 Sedgley Dr. Knoxville, TN 37922

# DISTRICT 12N CONVENTION SILENT AUCTION ITEMS



Please bring a Silent
Auction donation
to the District
Convention



Baskets or individual items are welcome

# **NEWS & VIEWS ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS**

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. For the time being, submit all articles and photos to Paulette Bailey at ladipee@gmail.com by the 20th of the month.



### 2022 TLLI

# 2022 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute Thurs. evening - Sun noon, March 24-27, 2022



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



635 College St., Monteagle, TN 37356 (I-24 midway between Chattanooga and Manchester)

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: 2020 TLLI is subsidized by a grant from LCI and your Multidistrict 12N 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 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, March 24

- 3 6:00 PM Check-in, room assignments, receive schedules and materials, meet the faculty
- 6 8:00 PM Dinner on your own
- 8 9:30 PM Opening Session

Fri, March 25	Sat, March 26	Sun, March 27
7:30 AM Breakfast	7:30 AM Breakfast	7:30 AM Breakfast
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	Noon Completion of TLLI
6:00 PM Dinner	6:00 PM Dinner	
7:00 PM Group Activity (TBA)	7:00 PM Homework assignment	



### 2022 TLLI Enrollment Registration



Mail this Registration form along with a check of \$150.00 per registrant made payable to: 2022 TLLI and mail to:

Lions District 12N Charities, Inc. c/o Kathy Burrow 700 Sedgley Drive Knoxville, TN 37922

For more info or questions call Chuck Bailey at 423.371.9737

### First Student:

First Name	Middle Name		Last Name	Lions Club
Street Address		City	State	ZIP
Cell Phone		Home Phone		email
Dietary Restrict	ions?			
Mobility Issues	?			
Roommate Pref	ference?			
Second Stude	nt:			
First Name	Middle Name		Last Name	Lions Club
Street Address		City	State	ZIP
Cell Phone		Home Phone		email
Dietary Restrict	ions?			
Mobility Issues	?			

# Lions Learning Retreat Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center April 1-3, 2022 Manchester, Tennessee



Please fill in blanks and check appropriate option	ns.		ATTENDEE INFORMATION		
Name:					
Badge Name (if different from above):					
Attendee is: a Lion a Leo	a Lioness	a Cub	not <u>YET</u> a member		
From the:			in District:		
Highest Office Held:	_ Current Office	(s):			
First Time Attendee at LLR? Yes No	How many LLRs	have you atter	ded previously?		
Mailing Street or PO Box:					
Mailing CITY:	STATE		ZIP:		
Phone:	Email:	wh P	nn <sub>o</sub>		
Dietary Restrictions or Special Needs:					
I will not partake in the meals checked below. Please  No Friday Supper  No Saturday Lun					
Participation: (Check all that apply)					
I will be at the First-Timers Orientation at 6 pm on Friday.	I will be	ing an entry for the	Annual LLR Club Basket Contest.		
I wanna be a Rock Star! Sign me up for LLR Chorus.			emade treats for the spitality Silent Auction.		
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LLR SATURDAY-ONLY REGISRATION OPTIONS:					
EXCITED Saturday ONLY Advance Registration - postmarked through March 15, 2022 \$80  Includes Saturday Seminars, Fun, Fellowship, Lunch & Supper. Does NOT include any Friday or Sunday activities.					
SATURDAY SEMINARS-ONLY REGISTR I have no expectation of meals, a packet, or ev					
By submitting this registration, I acknowledge refunds are granted only for extenuating circumstances approved by the LLR Board at the Annual Meeting following the LLR. I also understand all reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis; individual seminar or meal tickets will NOT be available, and meals will likely not be included if I register after March 15.					
Make checks payable to LIONS LEARNING RETREAT. If paying by Credit Card, a \$4 convenience fee will be added.					
Card # EXP	3-digit Co	ode Bi	lling Zip		
Submit this form with corresponding payment by mail to:					
LLR / PDG Jim McFarland, 8030 Whitestone Rd, Knoxville, TN 37938-3833					

Lions Learning Retreat Service from the Heart - Information Manchester, Tennessee

Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center

### No April Fools here! Learning Lasts a Lifetime. We Serve!

Two years in a row, we have had Winter COVID surges and postponed the LLR for safety.

NOW, we have charted a course to hit the trough of the wave with a rescheduled 2-year

### EPIC LLR on April 1-3, 2022 that you do NOT want to miss!

All of the LLRs have been great, but we have been waiting TWO WHOLE YEARS for this one. We have used the time wisely and have some very special things planned; a few that have never been tried, some that could lead to dancing. Here are some previews of the highlights. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to our first ever LLR New Year's Eve Extravaganza and Aprilfoolsapalooza,. The revised 2022 LLR Registration Form is a separate document and needs to be sent in as soon as you can. There are substantial rewards in the form of discounts for the enthusiasm and passion to register now!

Friday Night - Fellowship, fun, & food in Pride Hall.

- Get Acquainted "Bingo" is a tradition
- Pin Traders on hand
- Delicious Buffet Supper

Hospitality Helps silent auction

Lion's Heart – The five Lions service pillars

Special Entertainment

Saturday - All events begin at 12 minutes after the hour, starting at 08:12 with a Welcome, Info and Keynote session. Vendors & Information will ABOUND! Each room will host a track to focus topics.

- Pride Hall Meals & Memories
- Mel's Garage The nuts & bolts of Lionism
- Our Bridge Understanding to better Serve
- A Spire Skills for Success
- The Exchange A Facilitated Round Table where you pick the topics and help give the answers.

Sunday Morning – A special Our World Service that shows there is more that unites us than divides us. A unifying message will be given by representatives of Christianity, Judaism, Hindu, Buddhism, Islam, and more if we can. The LLR Choir will be joined by special guests to make this a once in a lifetime experience to uplift us all when we need it most. We will hear from special speakers and share a fabulous brunch.

#### LLR Annual Basket Contest

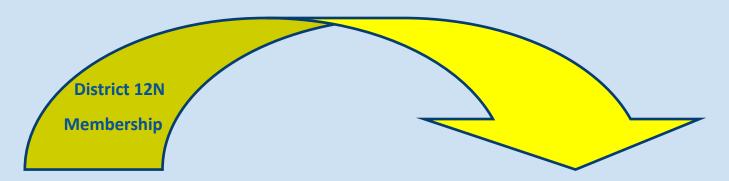
We ask that each club bring a gift basket that represents the club, their community, or IP Alexander's International Theme (Service from the Heart). Suggested price of the basket: \$25 - \$50. The baskets will be auctioned off on Saturday night with all proceeds going to offset the cost of LLR.

#### **NEW Hospitality Helps Silent Auction**

We ask individuals or clubs to bring a small basket of goodies or homemade treats (examples follow) for friends to bid on. These delights will be available via a silent auction on Friday Evening with the hopes of providing an opportunity and excuse for Lion friends to gather, visit, and share. All proceeds will go to offset the cost of LLR. (Examples: a bottle of wine, homemade cookies or fudge, cheese and crackers).

#### Lions Pride Choir

Enjoy singing? Join the Lions Pride Choir. Practice Friday evening and perform Saturday evening and Sunday morning. It is great fun! Come join us.



# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

James Shetterly, Jr - Clinton Lions Club
Mark Tillery - Inskip Lions Club
Peggy Tillery - Inskip Lions Club
Ronald Wilson—Oak Ridge Lions Club
Bill Leith - Tellico Village Lions Club



### **IN MEMORY OF**

Ben Sugg - Maryville Lions Club Jack Lay - Oneida Lions Club











# 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ComfortCraftersMorristown/videos/186130468965042/">https://www.facebook.com/ComfortCraftersMorristown/videos/186130468965042/</a>

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







For more information about employment opportunities, please contact

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