

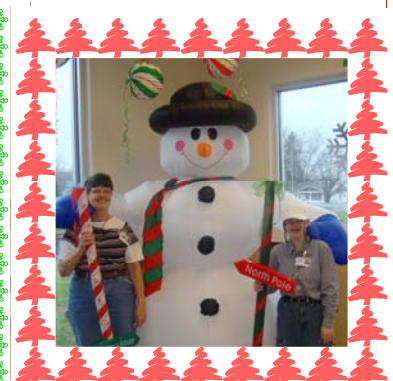
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Newsletter of Industrial Opportunities, Inc.



**Merry Christmas
from
Industrial Opportunities, Inc.**





IOI Activities



IOI Awarded Two Year Military Contract

Industrial Opportunities, Inc. (IOI) announces the expansion of its operation in Andrews, creating 25 new jobs.

IOI has been awarded a two year contract to manufacture 27,000 A-22 Cargo Bags. The A-22 Cargo Bags are utilized by the US Military for the airdrop of supplies and equipment.

IOI is a unique social enterprise, providing vocational training to adults with disabilities for 37 years, with manufacturing operations that currently produce 108 different products. IOI started in March 1974 with two employees and six clients. IOI is currently employing 275 people and provides vocational training to 100 adults with disabilities, a total workforce of 375.

Tom O'Brien, CEO of IOI, stated "I am very proud of the IOI workforce and their abilities and versatility to continue to change from one product to

another on a short notice." There is an urgent and compelling need for this product. IOI was contacted to see if the willingness and ability to manufacture the A-22 Cargo Bag on a fast delivery schedule was available. With the confidence of the IOI skilled workforce, the IOI management team stepped up to the challenge and committed IOI to start delivering by December 1, 2011 or sooner.

Since IOI moved to Andrews in 2003, the total wages and benefits added to the local economy is now over \$44,378,478. This contract will help increase the annual payroll and benefits to over \$8,727,000.

IOI's expansion has been supported by the Golden LEAF Foundation, N.C. Rural Economic Development Center, Advantage West, N.C. Department of Commerce, Tri-County Community College, Southwestern Commission, and the N.C. Employment Security Commission.



Quest Fellowship

- In memory of Willard Allen from his fishing buddies: Albert Dockery, Bud Penland, Sam Warren & Willie Eller
- In honor of Joe El-Khoury by Rose El-Khoury
- In memory of L.F. Lochaby by Helen Lochaby
- In memory of Francis Riordan by Karen Simmons
- In memory of Bill Lovingood by Bud, Becky & Brad Penland
- In memory of D. Joseph O'Connor by BJ O'Connor
- In honor of Tom O'Brien by Chris & Mary Jane Galvin
- In memory of Gladys Jarrett by Martha Rockwell
- In honor of IOI staff and spirit of the workers by George Heilner

Supporters

- Evergreen Foundation
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- Philip & Deanna Dooly
- The Golden LEAF
- Kurt Raschi & Catherine Riordan
- A+ Products

Mission Statement

We believe that individuals have a right to economic opportunity and personal development. The Board of Directors and staff actively incorporate the concept that through meaningful, satisfying work, people are able to live more independently, successfully, and productively.

We believe that every individual has the right to respect, equal opportunity and gainful employment.

“40 Days of Love Canathon” Womanless Beauty Pageant



In conjunction with “40 Days of Love Canathon” at The Andrews United Methodist Church, a Womanless Beauty Pageant was held at IOI. Then contestants raised 1380 pounds of food and \$96.00 for the benefit. All proceeds went to the local food bank. All of IOI was very generous and gave what they could. A great day of good clean fun was enjoyed by all.

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Yes, I would like to contribute to the capital needs of I.O.I.

All Gifts are Tax Deductible

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ toward capital improvements at I.O.I.

I make this gift:

- In memory or honor of _____
- To benefit the client activity fund.
- To benefit the IOI Endowment Fund.
- Enclosed is my Quest Fellowship donation.

Name: _____

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