August 24, 2021

Dear Community Partner:

We are the Melbourne Space Coast Chapter (MSCC) of the National Federation of the Blind of Florida (NFBF), the nation’s largest consumer organization of the blind.

According to the Florida Instructional Materials Center (FIMC), who produce braille materials for educational institutions and libraries, there are approximately 11,000 blind or low vision individuals in Brevard County (this statistic is over three years old); approximately 9,000 of those are between the ages of 18 and 65. Our chapter’s mission is to advocate, educate and integrate the blind into our community. MSCC’s goals include bringing our blind and low vision citizens into a life of independence and first-class citizenship. We live, work and play in Brevard and wish to be treated as integral members of society.

MSCC is celebrating White Cane Awareness and Meet the Blind on October 9, 2021, with our 7th Annual Joe Naulty Car, Truck & Bike Show, “The Joe Show.” The white cane is a symbol of our independence and freedom, a tool used by the blind and low vision to navigate our world effectively and efficiently. In 1964, Congress enacted White Cane Safety Day to highlight the usefulness of our most ubiquitous tool and reaffirms this proclamation annually. White Cane Day is also part of the National Federation of the Blind’s “Meet the Blind Month” activities, showcasing our skills and enjoyment of everyday life.

We are seeking support from you, one of our community partners. Your donation to our event will help to bring more public awareness of the blind and low vision as equal partners in Brevard County. In return for your generous donation, you will receive acknowledgement announced at our car show as well as media associated with our car show. Your partnership will go a long way in creating an environment of acceptance of the blind and low vision in our community.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We may be reached at (321) 372-4899, [ctate2076@att.net](mailto:ctate2076@att.net) or [Melbourne@NFBFlorida.org](mailto:Melbourne@NFBFlorida.org)

With Warm Regards,

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