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Elks of Tampa Bay #708 gifted the Veterans at Liberty Manor gas gift certificates



Elks of Tampa Bay #708 gifted the Veterans at Liberty Manor with \$1,000 value of gas gift certificates making it possible to provide our veterans with transportation to and from the Veterans hospital and the many events they are invited to but could not attend due to financial restraints. Additionally, the Elks is planning to host a Movie Night for the Veterans on May 26 with the delectable food prepared by Chef Geoffrey and Jenny Blanchette. Chef Geoff is President of the American Culinary Arts Federation of Tampa Bay and Jenny is a renowned baker from the Philippines.

Elks Mission Statement is to inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice; Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization; and to provide for its

government; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs; demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share. Elks honors Americans veterans' service and commits to a mission, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." "The CIP Program invests in Elks communities through Lodge grants that help Elks meet local needs; the Elks' have a Drug Awareness program; explore decades of Elks history through the project's magazine archives, photo gallery, document center, and more. Elks have a Soccer Shoot program, Junior Golf program; and the Elks' offer an Americanism Essay Contest, a Dictionary Project, the junior membership have the Elks Antlers program, and the Elks celebrate youth achievement through Youth Recognition. We can all

agree, the Elks Share and Care. We appreciate our friends of the Elks anyone interested in joining the Elks Lodge should contact the Lodge at 813-831-4280

The mission of Liberty Manor for Veterans; Inc. is to promote the developmental and social needs of disabled and honorably discharged veterans who have fallen victim to homelessness providing transitional; supported housing and establishing objectives designed to attribute to self-sufficiency. Anyone interested in assisting this meritorious initiative please contact Connie Lindsay (813) 900-9422, or Liberty Manor for Veterans (a 501c3 non-profit organization), website <http://www.libertymanor.org>, 10015 N 9th Street Tampa, FL 33612; or the mailing address P.O. Box 274081 Tampa, FL 33688-4081. Veterans are certainly worthy of our help. EIN #02-0775720.

CUP Tampa's First Cafe Staffed by Baristas With Special Needs



Coffee Uniting People (CUP) is creating inclusive opportunities in the Bay Area.

The nonprofit coffee-house opened a second Tampa location hires people with disabilities.

"We've got about a total of about 45, 46, 47 employees, of which about 40 of those have some sort of intellectual or developmental disability. We've got two shops, and we're getting ready to open up our third shop, and that will provide the opportunity for more employees," explained co-founder Greg Jones.

Greg and his wife Laura founded CUP after being involved in a baseball program for boys and girls with special needs.

"We realized how capable people with special needs are of accomplishing anything they want to achieve, and they deserve a fair shot in society, at having a job," shared Laura.

Customers who buy hot or cold drinks and bakery items know their money is going toward a good cause. CUP says their coffee is bold and so is their mission.

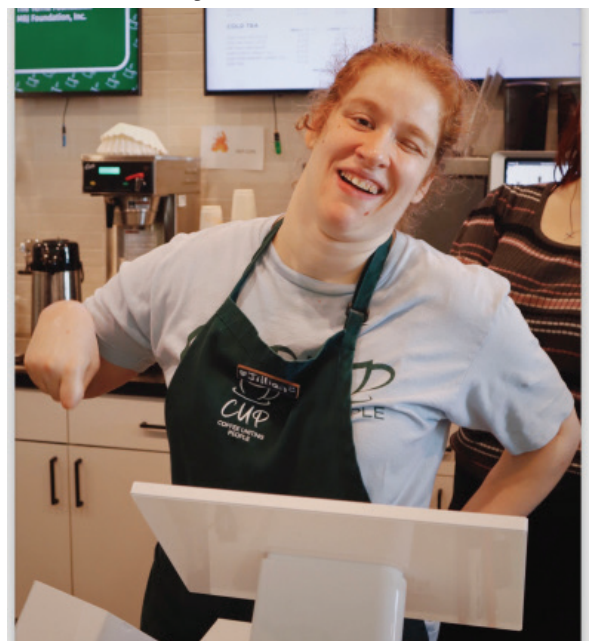
"We're a normal coffee shop. We've got everything from frappuccinos to matcha lattes, chai latte. Every coffee latte you can make," said Laura.

CUP also serves ice cream, Mike's pies, pastries, Cuban sandwiches and breakfast sandwiches.

According to Greg, the families of their employ-



Greg and Laura Jones



ees are grateful their loved ones have a place to work. Members of the CUP team are eager to come into work every day to make orders and greet customers.

Greg and Laura hope that other employers in the community see CUP's impact and join

them on their mission to cultivate inclusivity.

CUP South Tampa is located at 3408 South Dale Mabry Hwy. CUP at Embarc Collective is located at 802 E Whiting St., Tampa, FL 33602