

The Leapfrog Journal

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MID-YEAR REPORT: EXCITING CHANGES AT NC STAFFING

Time certainly flies when you're having fun. It is hard to believe but half of the year is gone already! We at NC STAFFING are excited about all the positive changes that have occurred these past few months in our company. Primary and secondary benefits from these changes are still unfolding.

Since the year started, we opened our Memphis, TN branch, received our SBA 8(A) certification, and as this issue announces, celebrated Nurses' Week, launched a new website and received our Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contract. We have made a "leapfrog" indeed.

Right now, we are busy making preparations for our third year anniversary. By the end of the year, we expect to establish the new branch in Houston, TX. A separate special announcement concerning details and updates about the branch is forthcoming. Stay tuned for more news. We are bringing the "Leapfrog" spirit into the city of Houston, our open door to manifold opportunities awaiting us in the Lone Star state.

NC STAFFING prides itself on being at the forefront of cutting-edge technology and it was in the light of this corporate philosophy that we launched our new website. As the related article below tells you, the new website is extremely useful for nurses, facilities, and for applicants who are interested in joining our Leapfrog Circle.

The website contains many useful features and resources. We are proud of our new website and we expect it to be a premier toolbox of resources for all of us. Do visit the new website and be sure to let us know your thoughts and comments about it. Our new web address is www.ncstaffing.com.

On the other hand, the FSS contract means unlimited new opportunities for our nurses as NC STAFFING now counts itself a proud addition to the US General Services Administration (GSA) list of accredited vendors.

NC STAFFING is certainly in the middle of an exciting and challenging year. We remain tireless in bringing you more opportunities. And the good news is that the best is yet to come for 2004! Let's do another leap.

NC STAFFING LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The new website is now playing live on the web at www.ncstaffing.com basking in rave reviews.

The new website is interactive, intuitive and very user-friendly. Now, our nurses once logged in can view their schedules, enter their availabilities and print forms online. To register as a user in the new website, simply email us at info@ncstaffing.com. Once the request is received the corporate office will create a user account for you.

The website also makes it possible for applicants to apply online and for facilities to enter needs and orders. In addition, facilities can view schedules and availabilities. The transactions through the website come to the corporate office literally in seconds after the submit button is clicked. A pop-up window opens on our desktops notifying us of the new order. The technology allows us to respond to orders and application submissions without delay.

The website also contains helpful and useful resources for travel and non-US nurses. Frequent these resource pages for new materials. Make your suggestions to the corporate office known for any other areas you wish for us to add in this section. The website is designed as an enabling tool in the company's goal to find more opportunities for its teeming Leapfrogs. It's for you so tell us how else it can benefit you.

COMPANY CELEBRATES NURSES' WEEK IN LITTLE ROCK AND MEMPHIS

The Little Rock and Memphis offices both held Nurses' Week dinner parties for its nurses last May. The company used the occasion to say "thank you" to its hardworking throng of Leapfrogs.

Present at the Little Rock celebration held at the *On the Border* restaurant in Chenal Parkway were John Marshall, his lovely daughter Savannah and Constance Whitfield. NC STAFFING President Ann Adams and staff Cielo Monte hosted the event. The party also marked NC STAFFING's farewell to John Marshall as he is moving to New York City to be closer to his fiancée, Nelly. John is going to be sorely missed not only by NC STAFFING but also by grateful facilities for his outstanding service. The VA, his favorite facility, even threw him a farewell party! We'll miss you, John! Don't be a stranger! As we say around here, "Once a Leapfrog, always a Leapfrog."

Not to be outdone, NC STAFFING Memphis also had its own Nurses' Week celebration. It marked the branch's first get-together with its new employees. The Memphis nurses certainly appreciated the company's efforts to foster camaraderie. Memphis Branch Director William Poynter, and staff Susan Weeks were there to make sure that everyone had fun. Cynthia Rucker, Jawannah Dickerson, Tammy Wilks and Latasha Smiley all had a great time playing parlor games and enjoying the night away.

To all our Leapfrogs, thank you for celebrating Nurses' Week with us. We look forward to many more Nurses' Week parties with you all as we forge ahead!

ANNIVERSARY PREPARATIONS ONGOING

NC STAFFING is busily preparing for its third company anniversary. This year marks a momentous milestone because 2004 represents unprecedented growth in the company's young history.

To mark the company's anniversary, the administrative staff is planning contests, awards, and other fun activities in August.

We are holding a contest for Christmas recipes and the final taste test will be held during the anniversary celebration. We also plan to give away awards to deserving employees in such categories as Most Reliable (for employees with no cancellations) and Most Dependable (for those that we can always count on for last minute calls).

If you have any ideas of your own that will make our anniversary celebration even more fun, please call us and let us know. Who knows — you might just win the award for Best Idea!

NC STAFFING LANDS NEW CONTRACT

NC STAFFING Little Rock is proud to announce its new contract with the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS). Under the contract, NC STAFFING will supply nurses and technicians to UAMS clinics effective July.

Information Technology personnel from UAMS have already trained NC STAFFING's administrative staff at the Little Rock office on the software used by the UAMS clinics. This is to facilitate knowledge transfer with our Leapfrogs who work at UAMS. We think learning a new system is a lot less stressful in the corporate office than at the worksite.

Already, potential new Leapfrogs have started to call the Little Rock office to apply for work at UAMS. Vivian Jones is our first Leapfrog over at UAMS. Welcome, Vivian!

If any of you Leapfrogs want to work at the UAMS clinics, please contact your Little Rock office immediately. Working at the UAMS clinics will definitely bring valuable new experience to our Little Rock Leapfrogs.

NC STAFFING RECEIVES NEW VA CONTRACT

Not to be outshone, the Memphis branch is excited about its new contract with the VA Hospital in Memphis.

Thanks to our new Federal Supply Schedule, NC STAFFING was able to contract directly with VA Memphis. It also signed up a new leapfrog in Heath Nettles for a contract at the VA Memphis until September, renewable for another year.

"We definitely think that the VA contract is a great opportunity for Memphis Leapfrogs. We hope that our new contract there will be the first of many." William Poynter, Memphis branch director enthuses.

VA Memphis is definitely another feather in the cap of NC STAFFING Memphis! Congratulations, NC STAFFING Memphis!