

QUICK TAKES

JAVA Pink! purchases benefit cancer research

JAVA & Co., a Henry-based gourmet gift company, announced it will donate a portion of its JAVA Pink! gift purchases to breast cancer research and awareness each year. The company, which specializes in artisan specialty gifts such as candy, syrups and handcrafted items, said 20 percent of the gross sales of the JAVA Pink! gifts will go to that cause.

JAVA & Co. founders Brian and Jamie Knoll are among the many whose lives



Gourmet Syrups, Sweet Shoppe & Gifts

have been touched by breast cancer. "As we enter another season of hope, change and of challenges, we find that at these times especially, it is important to give back and support those causes we hold most dear," they said in a news release.

That's why they decided to have JAVA Pink! products available year round rather than limited to the month of October.

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QUOTABLE

Without any pay for month after month after month, we stopped buying clothes. We stopped going out. We just came here and worked."

Ryan Foster of Peoria describing how he and his brother were able to refurbish an East Bluff building to expand their family business, Hick'ry Stick Catering, Carry-out & Cafe, without benefit of financing.

BY THE NUMBERS

74%

A NICE BENEFIT: That was the percentage of full-time employees in the private sector who were receiving employer-provided retirement plans

in the United States in March, the latest available, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. By contrast, 39 percent of part-time private industry workers had access to a retirement plan. Access to medical care benefits and paid sick leave benefits were provided to 86 percent and 74 percent of full-time private industry workers, respectively. Only 24 percent of part-time workers had access to medical care and 26 percent to paid sick leave benefits. Access to a medical or retirement plan is defined as having an employer-provided plan available for use.