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LIGHTHOUSE WORKS SURPASSES 200 EMPLOYEES

Employment milestone marks significant growth in past 2 years

ORLANDO, Fla. (February 17, 2022) – [Lighthouse Works](https://www.lighthouseworks.org), an organization that provides competitive job opportunities for blind and visually impaired adults, is marking a significant employment milestone, recently surpassing the 200 employees mark. Since March 2020, Lighthouse Works has experienced over 200% in annual growth, adding almost 200 new employees. In 2021 alone, Lighthouse Works added over 150 employees.

“We’re so honored to participate in the creation of much-deserved jobs for Americans who are visually impaired or blind,” said Kyle Johnson, President and CEO, Lighthouse Works and Lighthouse Central Florida. “We celebrated the historic milestone of reaching the 100-employee mark earlier in the pandemic and to see we’re already fast approaching 300 employees is beyond exciting. Kudos to our team for their dedication and commitment to employing and empowering the great many of our colleagues living life beyond the restrictions posed by vision loss and blindness.”

The social enterprise arm of Lighthouse Central Florida now has over 220 employees, a majority of whom are visually impaired or blind. This is a significant step toward the organization’s 2025 employment goal of 200-plus employees who are visually impaired or blind. Lighthouse Works’ call center has experienced the most growth, in part due to work supporting companies through the pandemic.

In celebration of its employment growth, Lighthouse Works received the National Industries for the Blind’s Employment Achievement Award in 2020, an award that recognizes agencies with the highest increase in employment for people who are blind or visually impaired as well as contract compliance during the prior fiscal year. Lighthouse Works also received the award in 2019.

About Lighthouse Works

Lighthouse Works is a mission-driven social enterprise providing quality solutions to businesses and government agencies since 2011. Lighthouse Works’ solutions allow its business partners to scale resources, manage costs, and meet deadlines while also making a positive community impact by supporting the full independence and self-sustainability of those living beyond the restrictions of vision loss. From supply chain management to contact center services and digital accessibility solutions, Lighthouse works has become a reliable and trusted partner in supplying consistent and world-class results. To learn more about Lighthouse Works and its business solutions, visit www.LighthouseWorks.org.

About Lighthouse Central Florida

Since 1976, Lighthouse Central Florida has empowered the lives of thousands of children and adults living with vision loss and blindness, to lead productive, independent lives, while pursuing their dreams and goals without

limitations. The organization is the only nationally accredited non-profit offering a comprehensive range of vision-specific rehabilitation services in Central Florida. With a blend of rehabilitation training, real-world application, and certified instructors, Lighthouse Central Florida ensures people of all ages can access life-changing vision rehabilitation services and live successful, independent lives beyond vision loss. For more information, visit www.LighthouseCFL.org.

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