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LIGHTHOUSE WORKS EXPANDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERTISE WITH ADDITION OF BRIAN VANN

ORLANDO, Fla. (May 3, 2021) – <u>Lighthouse Works</u>, an organization that provides competitive job opportunities for blind and visually impaired adults, recently added Brian Vann to its Board of Directors.

Vann currently serves as vice president of business development for CareMetx. He brings more than 20 years of business experience and significant community involvement to the Lighthouse Works board.

"Brian's two decades of business experience is invaluable to our mission and goals for Lighthouse Works," said Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida and Lighthouse Works. "With his experience, business connections and community involvement, he will be essential as we set a strategic path forward in our mission to help clients live, learn and earn with vision loss."

As a community leader, Vann has served on the Winter Park YMCA board and as chair of the Crave Board of Directors. He is also active at First United Methodist Church of Winter Park and has served in several positions, including the Children's and Men's Ministries. He currently leads Cub Scout Pack 678 as Cub Master.

"While earning my MBA at Stetson University, I had the privilege to work on a project with Lighthouse Works," said Vann. "It was during this experience that I fell in love with the double bottom line theory – margin and mission. It intrigued me, as most nonprofits rely solely on donors for support. I am honored to serve on the Lighthouse Works board and look forward to the work ahead."

Vann graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in finance, and in 2019, he earned his Master of Business Administration from Stetson University. He lives in Winter Park with his wife, Ashley, and their three children. In addition to spending time with his family, he enjoys serving others.

Lighthouse Works is the social enterprise of nonprofit <u>Lighthouse Central Florida</u>, which provides education, independent life skills, and job readiness training and coaching to people living with vision impairment or blindness and their families. Celebrating its 45th anniversary this year, Lighthouse is the only nonprofit provider of life-changing vision rehabilitation services in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Through Lighthouse Works, the nonprofit is able to provide job training, employment and career opportunities for the advancement of people who are visually impaired.

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ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE WORKS

Lighthouse Works is a social enterprise non-profit providing quality solutions to businesses and government agencies. Since 2011, Lighthouse Works is the reliable and trusted partner for the type of jobs that have to be done right every time – allowing businesses the ability to scale resources while managing costs and meeting deadlines. Lighthouse Works solutions ensure consistency and continuity of materials and services, and the quality of work and high customer satisfaction rate is due to its high performing, dedicated employees, many of whom are visually impaired and blind. Lighthouse Works impacts the community through its social responsibility efforts and helps many blind and visually impaired individuals throughout Central Florida enhance personal independence and maintain self-sustainable lives. To learn more about Lighthouse Works and its business solutions, visit LighthouseWorks.org.

ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE CENTRAL FLORIDA

Since 1976, Lighthouse Central Florida has provided education, independent life skills, and job training and placement to more than 100,000 people with sight impairment and their families. The organization is Central Florida's only nationally accredited nonprofit offering a comprehensive range of vision-specific rehabilitation services in Central Florida. Lighthouse ensures that individuals of all backgrounds have the tools they need to lead productive, independent lives, while pursuing their dreams and goals without limitations. For more information, visit <u>LighthouseCFL.org</u>.

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