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LIGHTHOUSE CENTRAL FLORIDA RECEIVES \$40,000 GRANT FROM UNIVERSAL ORLANDO FOUNDATION

Grant to Support Organization's Employment Services for Teens and Adults

ORLANDO, Fla. (January 21, 2022) – <u>Lighthouse Central Florida</u>, a nonprofit that provides vision rehabilitation services to Central Floridians living with vision impairment or blindness, has received a \$40,000 grant from the Universal Orlando Foundation. The funds will support the organization's employment services, providing workforce preparedness training to at least 100 visually impaired or blind teens and adults.

Lighthouse's Employment Services Program's vision rehabilitation instructors provide career readiness and support services, financial education and literacy, case management, referral services, guidance, and career counseling.

Since 1998, the Universal Orlando Foundation has awarded and pledged more than \$27 million to Central Florida organizations and programs that take a proactive approach to community needs in the areas of education, children and families, and basic needs.

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.