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The Lighthouse donates large quantity of food to East Texas Food Bank

TYLER, Texas – The East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind donated 6,640 pounds of food to the East Texas Food Bank.

The Lighthouse held an employee can food drive contest as one of the activities of their Educational Fair and White Cane Walk event. During the two weeks leading up to the event ten employee teams competed against one another to collect the most food. The winning team collected 750 pounds of food.

“The outcome of our food drive was so much more than what I had originally anticipated. The generosity of the employees was overwhelming. They already want to know when we might hold the next drive,” said Lee Tillson, Horizon director of operations.

Thousands of East Texas families are struggling to provide food for their families – some due to an unstable economy and job losses. The East Texas Food Bank receives the Lighthouse’s food donation at a time when their canned food supply is low.

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“We are grateful to Lighthouse for the Blind for hosting the food drive and helping us feed our hungry neighbors in need,” said Dennis Cullinane, executive director of the East Texas Food Bank. “The food collected will be given to children, families and seniors who are struggling to put food on their tables. On behalf of those we serve, thank you.”

The Lighthouse winning team members are: Geneva Whitemon; Larry Reed; Bobby Taylor; Janet Lewis; Adam Arsinega; Lisa Batchelor; Tony Powers and Shirley Traylor. The second place team collected 730 pounds and third place collected 660 pounds.

The Lighthouse has three operating divisions: Horizon Industries, Lighthouse Graphics and East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind Rehabilitative Services which collectively employs blind and visually impaired people. To learn more about the programs and services at The Lighthouse visit www.tylerlighthouse.org or call 903.595.3444.

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