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The Lighthouse Earns 2015 Employment Growth Award From National Industries for the Blind

Award Honors Success in Sustaining and Increasing Employment For People Who Are Blind

February 2, 2016, Tyler, TX – The Lighthouse was honored by National Industries for the Blind (NIB), the nation’s largest employment resource for people who are blind, with the 2015 Employment Growth Award. The award recognizes The Lighthouse’s efforts to increase employment retention, growth and upward mobility for people who are blind.

“We are proud to provide employment and career opportunities for people who are blind in the East Texas region,” said David Huffman, CEO/President of The Lighthouse. “Our employees are talented and dedicated professionals, and we are elated that they are being recognized as an example of the capabilities of people who are blind.”

Employment Growth Award recipients receive a cash payment from a fund created to recognize and encourage NIB associated nonprofit agencies that grow or sustain employment for people who are blind. Emphasis is also placed on efforts to increase upward mobility in the workplace and job placements.

“It is an honor for me to recognize East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind with a 2015 Employment Growth Award,” said Kevin Lynch, president and CEO of NIB. “The Lighthouse continues to lead the way in creating employment and high-growth career opportunities for people who are blind.”

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About East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

Created in 1976 to serve the needs of the blind and visually impaired the mission of The Lighthouse is to empower blind Americans through rehabilitation, education, training, and employment leading to a fully independent lifestyle. To accomplish that, The Lighthouse offers a wide range of programs and services through Client Services and Horizon Industries. For more information, visit www.tylerlighthouse.org

About National Industries for the Blind

Since 1938, National Industries for the Blind (NIB) has focused on enhancing the opportunities for economic and personal independence of people who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining and improving employment. NIB and its network of associated nonprofit agencies are the nation's largest employer of people who are blind through the sale of SKILCRAFT and other products and services provided by the AbilityOne Program, established by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. For more information about NIB, visit www.nib.org