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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Animals and Eggs Take Over at Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

The Lighthouse held their annual Easter Egg Hunt for children with visual impairments from 10:00am - 2:00pm on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Boys and Girls Club of East Texas at 504 W 32nd St, Tyler, TX 75702. This event featured a standard egg hunt, beeping egg hunt and special guests, The Creature Teacher and a farm animal petting zoo. Sponsors include: Southside Bank, Brookshire's, Texas Children's Health Plan, Region 7, HHSC and Boys and Girls Club. There were 40 students participating in the event, from 13 different school districts in the East Texas area. All students went home with a basket, stuffed bunny, event T-shirt, and of course toy /candy filled eggs.

“This event allows children to build upon their skills within the expanded core curriculum. Stated Ann Phillips, Lighthouse Children's Program Administrator. “This year we included a farm animal petting zoo allowing the students a safe environment to experience common animals they usually only hear about in stories or from friends, but are rarely able to see or touch.”

Volunteers from University of Texas at Tyler's Delta Gamma Sorority, John Tyler High School National Honor Society, Brookshire's Grocery Company and Stephen F. Austin Orientation and Mobility Program assisted in all aspects of the event.

### **Event Schedule was as follows:**

10:00-11:15 – Creature Teacher  
11:15-12:00 – Visit Farm Animals  
1:15-1:45 – Activities/Games  
12:00-12:30 – Lunch  
12:30-1:15 – Egg Hunt