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The Search Is On

Lighthouse Shows Way

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The faint beeping of a hot pink egg draws the attention of nearby students and soon they home in on the device during a special Easter egg hunt for visually impaired children.

Lighthouse for the Blind of Tyler hosted its annual event for more than 30 children at the Boys and Girls Club in Tyler on Thursday.

This year the event was split into four separate hunts – one for the youngest students, another for those with mobility impairments, the main hunt and one with specialized beeping eggs to help children with severe vision impairment.

Children's Program Administrator Ann Phillips said the event has been going on for over two decades and lets the children participate in the fun without feeling at a disadvantage. "It also helps them interact with other children like them. They get to see that they aren't alone."

Kimorie Turner, 10, of Marshall, was having the time of her life after a surprise appearance from the Creature Teacher and getting to meet a kangaroo and a real Easter bunny.

"My favorite part is just having fun and getting to go outside and help find eggs."

Students came from as far away as Greenville and Marshall, thanks to sponsorships from Southside Bank, the Health and Human Services Commission and Region 7 Education Service Center.



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ABOVE, Carlton Thikill laughs as Brandy Starks pushes him through a tunnel in his wheelchair during an Easter egg hunt at the Boys and Girls Club of East Texas in Tyler. Right, Rosemary Gonzalez walks with Arasely Jordan, 6, as she collects eggs during the egg hunt.

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