

The Lighthouse  
411 W. Front St.  
Tyler, Texas 75702  
903.593.3111

## **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
March 28, 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Summer Tillson  
Marketing Manager  
903.590.4329  
stillson@tylerlighthouse.org

### **The Lighthouse Wins Walking Challenge against National Industries for the Blind**

Tyler, TX – The Lighthouse was honored by National Industries for the Blind (NIB), the nation’s largest employment resource for people who are blind, as the winner of the Walking Challenge between the two agencies. This challenge between NIB and The Lighthouse was established with the goal of walking the equivalent of the distance from NIB headquarters to ETLB and back the fastest. The 6 week challenge covering 2560 miles or 5,120,000 steps was set to promote employee wellness.

“I loved the walking challenge because it got everyone excited about being healthy.” said Amy Anderson, Office Manager at The Lighthouse. “This challenge not only brought us together as a team but also opened up the conversation of health and fitness.”

The members of The Lighthouse Walking Challenge team are as follows: Amy Anderson, Michelle Boyd, Charles Coleman, Wolfe Cronin, Lindsey Dengler, Megan Dodd, Mitch Erwin, Ronald Jordan, Jan Lynch, Jack Malone, Larry Reed, Rosie Reed, Steven Simmons, Pat Spenla, Lee Tillson, Summer Tillson, Jason Toole, Dan Wert, and Geneva Whitemon.

The Lighthouse plans to challenge other agencies to a Walking Challenge to continuing employee wellness and comradery.

###

## **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](http://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](http://www.nib.org)