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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Local non-profit earns recertification for SHARP**

Tyler, TX – East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind dba Horizon Industries recently received their recertification through the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP). This 2-year recertification signifies that East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind is continuing the upward trend in its safety culture. There are 49 businesses in the State of Texas which have earned this award, 3 of which are in Tyler, TX.

“The most important assets at East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind are its employees. To best serve our employees, we spend a great deal of time analyzing safety trends, writing safety programs and prevention plans, providing consistent training to all our employees, and holding employees and visitors accountable to our safety standards.” Stated Mitch Erwin, HR/Safety Administrator for East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind. “Safety is a plan and a choice. Our company plans for our employees to work safely and our employees choose to saturate all their objectives with safety principles. Our safety slogan is: Stop Accidents From Ever Taking Place, Yes we can!”

The Lighthouse was originally awarded the SHARP certification in February of 2106.

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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](http://www.tylerlighthouse.org)

### **About Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP)**

The program recognizes small business employers who have used OSHA's [On-site Consultation Program](#) services and operate an exemplary injury and illness prevention program. Acceptance of your worksite into SHARP from OSHA is an achievement of status that singles you out among your business peers as a model for worksite safety and health.