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***Lighthouse Central Florida Receives \$15K Grant for Youth Programs***

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Charting a course for living, learning, & earning with vision loss

Lighthouse Central Florida, a nonprofit that provides vision rehabilitation services to Central Floridians living with vision impairment or blindness, has received a \$15,000 grant from the Chesley G. Magruder Foundation. The funds will support the organization's Youth Services program for up to 150 infants, children and teens from birth through age 22 who are living with vision loss. This donation will also allow the nonprofit to expand its services to include low vision services to benefit clients and families and help additional children in need of vision rehabilitation.

"Lighthouse's Youth Services program addresses the basic skills of daily living, including early literacy and school readiness, for blind or visually impaired babies, toddlers, children and teens who would otherwise not receive critical vision rehabilitation and education during their formative development years," said Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida. "Support from the Chesley G. Magruder Foundation – especially during times of crisis and uncertainty – ensures that youth will receive continual learning to stay on pace to achieve critical developmental and vision-related milestones."

Lighthouse's Youth Services include Early Intervention, Children's and Transition programs. Programming ensures that developmental milestones are met, including academic and social development, while helping teens and young adults become more independent and prepare for future success in a sighted world.

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