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LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AT LIGHTHOUSE CENTRAL FLORIDA & LIGHTHOUSE WORKS

Board of Directors Names Kyle Johnson Chief Executive Effective February 1st

ORLANDO, FL. (December 14, 2018)-- We are pleased to announce that on the evening of Tuesday, December 4, 2018 the Lighthouse Central Florida Board of Directors voted unanimously to appoint Kyle Johnson as Lighthouse Central Florida and Lighthouse Works' next President & CEO. Mr. Johnson is serving in an interim role as he works alongside Lee Nasehi to transition responsibilities ahead of her January 31st departure.

Mr. Johnson will assume full responsibilities on February 1st. Ms. Nasehi will begin her next chapter as President & CEO of VisionServe Alliance, our field's national association, on March 1, 2019.

"We are very excited about this next chapter in the life of Lighthouse Central Florida," said Paul Prewitt, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Lighthouse Central Florida. "Kyle is passionate about our mission and brings with him the talent and energy necessary to lead this wonderful organization."

While working at a wealth management firm based in Orlando, Florida, Mr. Johnson came to Lighthouse first as a volunteer in 2012, helping establish the organization's first Young Executives Committee, and became Lighthouse's Director of Resource Development & Communications in September 2013. He holds a bachelor's degree in English from Rollins College, where he graduated Magna Cum Laud in 2007. Mr. Johnson earned his Certificate in Fundraising Development from the Edyth Bush Institute for Philanthropy & Non-profit Leadership at Rollins College in 2014, and his Certification in Business Management – Nonprofit (CBM-NP) from the Roy E. Crummer Graduate School of Business in 2017.

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Mr. Johnson has helped lead and grow Lighthouse Central Florida and Lighthouse Works over the past five years. He is the immediate past President of the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Central Florida Chapter and is an active community advocate and public speaker. Johnson has served on multiple boards for local and global organizations, speaks on various panels, is a registered instructor at the Edyth Bush Institute for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership at Rollins College, and mentors younger professionals entering or early in their nonprofit careers.

ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE CENTRAL FLORIDA

Since 1976, Lighthouse Central Florida has provided education, independent life skills and job training and placement to more than 100,000 people with sight impairment and their families. They are the only private, professional experience, Lighthouse ensures that individuals of all backgrounds have the tools they need to lead productive, independent lives while pursuing their dreams and goals without limitations.

ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE WORKS

Lighthouse Works is a social enterprise non-profit, which means its businesses exist to forward and fund our mission of living, learning and earning with vision loss. Through our wide range of businesses, we provide job training, employment and career opportunities to help advance people who are visually impaired. Lighthouse Works operates as a subsidiary of Lighthouse Central Florida—Central Florida's only private, non-profit agency offering a comprehensive range of services to people living with sight impairment in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Established in 1976, Lighthouse Works has served generations of Floridians with comprehensive vision rehabilitation and employment services. Lighthouse Works is affiliated with the National Industries for the Blind, the nation's largest employment resource for people who are blind.

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