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LIGHTHOUSE CENTRAL FLORIDA RECEIVES \$48,000 GRANT FROM SEMINOLE CARES

Grant to Support Organization's Virtual Learning Center and Technology

ORLANDO, Fla. (November 17, 2021) – <u>Lighthouse Central Florida</u>, a nonprofit that provides vision rehabilitation services to Central Floridians living with vision impairment or blindness, has received a \$48,000 grant from Seminole CARES. The funds will support the organization's Virtual Learning Center, as well as allow the organization to purchase various technology, including iPads, portable closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) which can be used for magnifying print materials, Braille embossers and software.

"Lighthouse's Virtual Learning Center has allowed us to continue providing critical vision rehabilitation and education throughout the pandemic, creating a safe and comfortable environment for both our staff and those we serve," said Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida. "Being able to provide necessary technology is also vital to continuing the work we do."

Seminole CARES Not-for-Profit Grants were distributed by Seminole County Community Assistance to local nonprofits providing critical needs to Seminole County residents through the pandemic.

About Lighthouse Central Florida

Since 1976, Lighthouse Central Florida has empowered the lives of thousands of children and adults, living with vision loss and blindness, to lead productive, independent lives, while pursuing their dreams and goals without limitations. The organization is the only nationally accredited nonprofit offering a comprehensive range of vision-specific rehabilitation services in Central Florida. With a blend of rehabilitation training, real-world application, and certified instructors, Lighthouse Central Florida ensure people of all ages can access life-changing vision rehabilitation services and live successful, independent lives beyond vision loss. For more information, visit www.LighthouseCFL.org.