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LIGHTHOUSE WORKS RECEIVES \$40,000 GRANT FROM BANK OF AMERICA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Workforce Development Grant to Help with Organization's Goal of Providing Competitive Employment for People Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

ORLANDO, Fla. (August 3, 2021) – <u>Lighthouse Works</u>, an organization that provides competitive job opportunities for blind and visually impaired adults, has received a \$40,000 grant from Bank of America. The funds will support operating costs for the organization, which provides supply chain management, contact center services, digital accessibility and contract management solutions.

"Since our inception in 2011, Lighthouse Works has paid over \$4.5 million in wages to Central Floridians living with visual impairments and blindness," said Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Works and Lighthouse Central Florida. "This grant is highly impactful for our organization, and we are grateful to Bank of America for selecting us. These funds will help us continue to create competitive employment opportunities for local residents living with disabilities, who are often left behind in the workforce."

Bank of America's Workforce Development grant addresses two key factors in improving economic mobility: basic needs fundamental to building life-long stability, including access to food, shelter and health services, and access to educational and workforce development services that build pathways to employment, including providing resources to rebuild careers that may have been impacted by the pandemic.

"Helping communities like the ones Lighthouse Works Inc. serves is part of our ongoing strategic investment in Orlando and the surrounding communities," said Steven Alch, president, Bank of America Orlando. "Our goal with this investment is to drive economic opportunity and upward mobility for individuals and families looking for lifelong stability."

Lighthouse Works is the social enterprise subsidiary of nonprofit <u>Lighthouse Central Florida</u>, which provides life-changing vision rehabilitation services in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. For more information about Lighthouse Works, visit <u>www.LighthouseWorks.org</u>.

ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE WORKS

Lighthouse Works is a social enterprise non-profit providing quality solutions to businesses and government agencies. Since 2011, Lighthouse Works is the reliable and trusted partner for the type of jobs that have to be done right every time – allowing businesses the ability to scale resources while managing costs and meeting deadlines. Lighthouse Works solutions ensure consistency and continuity of materials and services, and the quality of work and high customer satisfaction rate is due to its high performing, dedicated employees, many of whom are visually impaired and blind. Lighthouse Works impacts the community through its social responsibility efforts and helps many blind and visually impaired individuals throughout Central Florida enhance personal independence and maintain self-sustainable lives. To learn more about Lighthouse Works and its business solutions, visit LighthouseWorks.org.