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LIGHTHOUSE WORKS EXPANDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERTISE WITH ADDITION OF DAVE BALLESTEROS

ORLANDO, Fla. (September 7, 2022) – <u>Lighthouse Works</u>, an organization that provides competitive job opportunities for blind and visually impaired adults, recently added Dave Ballesteros to its Board of Directors.

Ballesteros currently serves as VP of Business Development in North America for Sitel Group. He brings nearly 30 years of business experience and significant community involvement to the Lighthouse Works board.

"Dave's decades of business experience is invaluable to our mission and goals for Lighthouse Works," said Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida and Lighthouse Works. "With his experience, business connections and community involvement, he will be essential as we set a strategic path forward in our mission to help clients live, learn and earn with vision loss."

Ballesteros is actively involved in his community of DeLand, FL and his Alma Mater, Stetson University. He was an original board member of the non-profit Making the Difference Outreach and continues to participate in activities that benefit the Central Florida based charities they work with. However, this new endeavor will allow him to contribute in new ways.

"After getting to know the people at Lighthouse Works and visiting the operations, I am thoroughly impressed by the work they do and the jobs they offer to people who otherwise may not have such a rewarding opportunity in the workforce," said Ballesteros. "I look forward to helping with the growth of this great organization."

Ballesteros currently lives in DeLand with his wife, Toni, and their children, Payton and Xander. He enjoys spending quality time with his extended family which includes several siblings that were adopted by his parents, Leonard and Nancy while living in New Jersey. In addition to his business acumen, he is also an avid golfer and musician.

Lighthouse Works is the social enterprise of nonprofit <u>Lighthouse Central Florida</u>, which provides education, independent life skills, and job readiness training and coaching to people living with vision impairment or blindness and their families. Celebrating its 45th anniversary this year, Lighthouse is the only nonprofit provider of life-changing vision rehabilitation services in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Through Lighthouse Works, the nonprofit is able to provide job training, employment and career opportunities for the advancement of people who are visually impaired.

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.

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. The organization is Central Florida's only nationally accredited nonprofit offering a comprehensive range of vision-specific rehabilitation services in Central Florida. 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. For more information, visit LighthouseCFL.org.

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