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LIGHTHOUSE CENTRAL FLORIDA RECEIVES \$56,400 IN GRANTS FROM GREATER WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ORLANDO, Fla. (February 18, 2022) – <u>Lighthouse Central Florida</u>, a nonprofit that provides vision rehabilitation services to Central Floridians living with vision impairment or blindness, has received two grants totaling \$56,400 from the Greater Washington Community Foundation. One of the grants was provided by the Bainum Family Foundation, a component fund of the Greater Washington Community Foundation. The funds will help provide education, training and support for infants, children, teens, adults and seniors who are blind or visually impaired to gain skills necessary to live full, independent lives.

Lighthouse's services include early literacy and school/career readiness for children and youth, training in independent and daily living skills, assistive technology, and self-advocacy for all ages.

Since 1973, the Greater Washington Community Foundation has been a champion of thriving communities and a catalyst for community change through local philanthropic engagement, effective community investment and civic leadership. The Community Foundation mobilizes the generosity of individuals, families, and businesses to amplify the impact of nonprofit organizations making a difference every day in our communities. As the region's largest local funder, The Community Foundation has invested more than \$1.3 billion in building equitable, just, and enriching communities where all residents can live, work, and thrive.

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 non-profit 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 ensures people of all ages can access life-changing vision rehabilitation services and live successful, independent lives beyond vision loss. For more information, visit <u>www.LighthouseCFL.org</u>.