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## LIGHTHOUSE WORKS ADDS KATHY NGUYEN FROM KPMG TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**ORLANDO, Fla. (November 11, 2021)** – <u>Lighthouse Works</u>, an organization that provides competitive job opportunities for blind and visually impaired adults, recently added Kathy Nguyen to its Board of Directors.

Currently serving as senior manager in the Department of Professional Practice at KPMG, Nguyen supports the firm's issuance of publications on various technical accounting topics. Prior to joining KPMG's national office, she served 12 years in the audit practice with a focus on large public companies in the retail and real estate industries.

"Kathy's leadership and business experience will bring valuable insights to our board that will help drive our mission for Lighthouse Works," said Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida and Lighthouse Works. "With her guidance, knowledge and expertise, we will continue to provide essential work for people living with visual impairments and blindness."

"Serving as a board member for Lighthouse Works is truly a privilege," Nguyen said. "My uncle lived with my parents after they immigrated to the U.S. following the Vietnam War, and he helped raise my siblings and me, even as he was rapidly losing his vision and hearing from an injury. His disabilities did not stop him from being independent and living a fulfilling life, and I am honored to be a part of Lighthouse Works' mission."

Nguyen earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Central Florida and continues to connect to her alma mater through recruiting and other professional development initiatives. She is a certified public accountant, licensed in Florida and California.

She serves as co-chair for the KPMG Asian Pacific Islander Network, and most recently, as co-chair for the KPMG Network of Women for the Orlando, Lakehouse, Capability and Boost Center offices, striving to highlight the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace.

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 provides 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 www.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 www.LighthouseCFL.org.

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