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FORMER LIGHTHOUSE WORKS EMPLOYEE PUBLISHES BOOK HIGHLIGHTING HIS JOURNEY LIVING WITH VISION LOSS

ORLANDO, Fla. (July 7, 2021) – Kyle Coon graduated college in three years, climbed mountains worldwide, is a public speaker and has appeared on national television multiple times. But, when it came to a job interview years ago, he was told, “We just don’t think you can do this.” All because cancer took his vision by the time he was seven years old.

Central Florida-based [Lighthouse Works](#), an organization that provides competitive job opportunities for blind and visually impaired adults, hired Coon and gave him the opportunity to work with its leadership executive program, National Industries for the Blind.

Today, Coon has published his memoir, *Discovering a Life Without Limits: How Cancer Took My Sight, Blindness Gave Me Vision and the Mountains Let Me Live*. The book tells the story of going from a world of darkness to the world’s mountain peaks as a triathlete, and highlights Coon’s life from his cancer diagnosis at 10 months old through finally securing employment at Lighthouse Works after his graduation from the University of Central Florida.

“Kyle overcame significant hurdles to find the ultimate success, and his story is inspiring to all who meet and know him,” said Kyle Johnson, President and CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida and Lighthouse Works. “He motivates all of us at Lighthouse to ensure we always provide the highest quality of vision rehabilitation services and job opportunities so our clients can find success and live life on their own terms, just like Kyle.”

Coon eventually joined the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) and later moved to Colorado, where he started competing in triathlons, working with the Association of Blind Athletes and writing. In addition to penning his memoir, his most recent accomplishments include winning first place at the World Triathlon Para Series in Yokohama, Japan, which has him on track to make the U.S. Paralympic triathlon team for the 2021 Summer Paralympics in Tokyo.

“After college, I was eager to join the workforce, but companies turned me away,” recalled Coon. “But Kyle and the Lighthouse Works team gave me the opportunity of a lifetime. They welcomed me into an organization that ultimately changed the course of my life and allowed me to chase my dreams.”

Coon’s book can be purchased on [Amazon](#) or through his [publisher](#).

Lighthouse Works is the social enterprise of nonprofit [Lighthouse Central Florida](#), which provides life-changing vision rehabilitation services in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties.

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 <https://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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