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*Lighthouse Central Florida Honored with Hope  
Award*  
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Award presented by the UCF Nonprofit Management Advisory Board

Lighthouse Central Florida, a nonprofit that provides vision rehabilitation services to Central Floridians living with vision impairment or blindness, recently was named one of the recipients of the inaugural Hope Award. Presented by the UCF Nonprofit Management Advisory Board, the Hope Award was presented to three Orlando-area nonprofit organizations for exceptional demonstration of resiliency and creativity in the face of adversity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“At the beginning of the pandemic, we knew it was critical that our clients (of all ages), who are vision impaired or blind, continue receiving vision rehabilitation services to ensure they stayed on pace,” said Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida. “Our team immediately pivoted by redesigning how we deliver services to accommodate a variety of digital platforms, resulting in continued success for everyone we serve. We are honored to be among the first recipients of the inaugural Hope Award.”

The inaugural awards were presented virtually by UCF School of Public Administration Director Doug Goodman during the 20th Annual UCF Nonprofit Partners Conference. Other recipients include IDignity and The Sunshine Foundation.

**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 nonprofit 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 [www.LighthouseCFL.org](http://www.LighthouseCFL.org).