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## **NEW LIGHTHOUSE CEO INTERVIEWED ON LOCAL PUBLIC RADIO** *Discusses Closing Humanity Gap & Opening Opportunities For Visually Impaired*

ORLANDO, FL. (December 19, 2018)—Incoming Lighthouse chief executive, Kyle Johnson, was recently interviewed on the Intersection show, by host, Matthew Peddie.

The conversation covered a range of issues, including, website compliance and the continued relevance of the ADA, to addressing misconceptions the sighted community often hold with regard to those who are blind or visually impaired.

Intersection is a weekly news and in-depth conversation program that airs on 90.7 WMFE, the region's premiere public radio station.

Below is an excerpt from the Intersection show page on the 90.7WMFE website:

Kyle Johnson says the blind are, ironically, often unseen.

"I find it fascinating, in fact, how they're the ones that are blind, but we're the ones that don't see them."

Johnson wants to change Floridians' attitudes to the blind when he steps into the role of CEO at Lighthouse Central Florida next month. He wants to raise the profile of people who are blind and visually impaired, and grow Lighthouse's business that employs the visually impaired.

Among the things Lighthouse employees do: package medical supplies for the federal government for combat medic kits. And if you bought a magic band for a visit to Disney recently - the box it came in was built by someone from Lighthouse.

Johnson joins Intersection for a conversation about advocating for the blind.

Listen to the audio here: <https://bit.ly/2LwZGX7>

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### **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. They are the only private, professional experience, 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.

### **ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE WORKS**

Lighthouse Works is a social enterprise non-profit, which means its businesses exist to forward and fund our mission of living, learning and earning with vision loss. Through our wide range of businesses, we provide job training, employment and career opportunities to help advance people who are visually impaired. Lighthouse Works operates as a subsidiary of Lighthouse Central Florida—Central Florida's only private, non-profit agency offering a comprehensive range of services to people living with sight impairment in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Established in 1976, Lighthouse Works has served generations of Floridians with comprehensive vision rehabilitation and employment services. Lighthouse Works is affiliated with the National Industries for the Blind, the nation's largest employment resource for people who are blind.

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