



West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

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Creating Jobs, Changing Lives

the **Spotlight**

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Our Midland Operation Moves to New Location



The West Texas Lighthouses' 3rd location in Midland, has finally moved into its permanent location. The renovations on 211 South Lee Street are finally complete and everyone reported to the new location on September 30th. We want to thank the Midland Downtown Lion's Club for letting us lease part of their building while our remodeling was taking place.

"We really enjoy the new location it's much bigger and we have more

room, it's really nice" said Allen Sigler, lighthouse employee.

The Lighthouse started the Midland location in 2018. Several people who are blind and visually impaired reached out to the Lighthouse and expressed their desire for work, but were unable to find work in the Midland/Odessa area. The unemployment rate for adults visually impaired is 70%.

Continuing with our mission to provide jobs for people who are

blind or visually impaired, we started the process of adding a satellite location to this area.

We currently have 10 blind and visually impaired employees and a supervisor. They assemble several different styles of writing instruments and neck lanyards for our state and federal customers.

If you would like to apply for a job or have questions, call the Lighthouse for details 325-653-4231.

SKILCRAFT New Products

These new products are added to production at the Lighthouse to not only provide job opportunities to people who are blind or visually impaired, but also increase assembly and packaging opportunities to our current employees.



Lens Cleaning Wipes



Packing List Envelopes



Recycled Water Bottle
Ballpoint
Retractable and Stick Pens

Lighthouse Employees Earn State and Federal Honors

Romy Saldana was nominated for the Peter J. Salmon Employee of the Year award and attended the Symposium in Washington DC in the spring.

Romy has worked at the Lighthouse for six years. He started working at the Lighthouse while attending Grape Creek High School in our school program. After graduation, he decided to continue working at the Lighthouse.

Romy was born blind, loves music and at a very young age taught himself how to play the saxophone. When not at work he loves watching soccer and plays in a band.



L to R: Romy Saldana and Kevin Lynch, President National Industries for the Blind

Jaynee Boehm was nominated for the Artie Lee Hinds Award for the State of Texas. She

attended the WorkQuest awards dinner and expo in Austin. Jaynee has worked at the Lighthouse for six years. She

works in various positions in our hand assembly area and does a great job. Jaynee was born premature and due to complications was born with Optic Nerve Atrophy. She was totally blind for her first six years. Her lack of vision has not slowed her down.



L to R: Jim Abbot, (former professional baseball player), Jaynee Boehm, Ed Serna, Executive Director of TWC and Gib DuTerroil, (WorkQuest board)

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L to R: Zach Gomez, Lee Cox and Kathy Smith

We started Lighthouse Office Supply in 2016 to create new customer service jobs for people who are blind.

Today, www.LighthouseOfficeSupply.com boasts over 70,000 items in the areas of office, janitorial, breakroom, furniture, and technology...all the supplies a business needs to run smoothly. Customers get the advantage of saving money and the

opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people who are blind.

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It's in the Bag

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Big Changes Coming Soon

The Lighthouse will be making a move in 2020.

With our increasing number of employees and products, we have outgrown our current facility. We will be moving our manufacturing facility, the Lighthouse Office Supply store and our two warehouses.

We are so excited to finally have everything under one roof. We will be moving to 555 East 6th, currently the Christian's In Action store. Look for great deals during our "Moving Sale".

OUR WISH LIST

Even though the Lighthouse has been striving to increase sales and remain competitive, we are still in need of additional equipment and donations.

If you would like to help, please consider the following needs:

- Shrink Wrapping Machine
- Pallet Wrapping Machine
- Low vision eyewear
- Fork-lift

Donations can be made on our website:

www.lighthousefortheblind.org

or mail to:

2001 Austin Street

San Angelo, Texas 76903



Service Awards 2019

TWO YEARS

Rachael Salazar
Crystal Abila
Julia Macias
Martin Moreno
Lee Cox
Alexis Lewis

FIVE YEARS

Amy Kimbrough
Alexis Wilson
Martin Rosales

TEN YEARS

Louis Mann

Faces around the Lighthouse



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