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LIGHTHOUSE'S CRAIG TALLENT NAMED WINNER OF TEXAS WORKQUEST AWARD

UH Call Center Supervisor Craig Tallent received recognition from [Texas Workquest](#) at the annual Artie Lee Hinds Awards in Austin. Craig was one of only four nominees statewide for the agency's highest award to be recognized at the event. He was announced as the winner of the President's Award for his work in managing the [UH FIXIT Call Center](#) contract. Craig, in attendance with his mother, Bobbie, spoke to the assembly, giving thanks to his team for their shared success. We are immensely proud of Craig and celebrate his dedication and leadership as a team member!

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*Above: Craig Tallent, Call Center Supervisor
Right: Lighthouse & WorkQuest Teams at
Artie Lee Hinds Awards Expo*



Assistive Technology Ed. Welcomes Will Walsh!

We are thrilled to announce the addition of Will Walsh to our Lighthouse team as an Assistive Technology Trainer in our AT Education department! Will is a graduate of SFA with a degree in Communication Studies. Before joining our team, Will was a contract Assistive Technology Trainer for Texas Workforce Commission. He also completed the [East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind's](#) Assistive Technology Instructor Program (ATIP). Will's areas of training include Screen Readers & Magnifiers, Windows, iPad/iPhone, OCR Software, and Braille devices.

A Welcome Return for the NWP Group Golf Classic

NWP Group, a family company which owns the Q-Mart brand of convenience stores throughout South Texas, brought back its 4th annual Charity Classic Golf Tournament, which names The Lighthouse of Houston as its charitable beneficiary.

The tournament was held on Friday, September 16 at BlackHorse Golf Club in Cypress. Participating sponsors included Valero, Phillips 66, BP, Mark VII, Core-Mark, North Star Title, Woodforest National Bank, PepsiCo, Motiva, Fifth Third Bank and more.



Photo Inset: (L-R) Lighthouse President Jenna Dhayer, NWP CFO Omer Malik, Lighthouse Volunteers, NWP CEO Fazil Malik, Lighthouse Board Member Dr. Ruhi Soni

A team of Lighthouse volunteers comprised of Delta Gamma undergrads and alumnae, supporting corporations, as well as individual volunteers, partnered with the NWP team to put on an incredible event on a beautiful late-Summer day. The Malik family, owners of **NWP Group**, were magnificent hosts. At the event's conclusion, Lighthouse VP Daniel Williams was presented with a donation from proceeds raised from event sponsors. Final numbers are still being determined as of this writing, but the expectation is that the net proceeds will exceed all expectations and previous years' tournament proceeds.

Donor Spotlight: Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation

The Lighthouse of Houston is thankful for the support of the [Albert & Ethel Herzstein Foundation](#). In 2021, a \$25,000 grant for general operational support was awarded to the Lighthouse by the Herzstein Foundation, which describes its mission to "support free enterprise, strengthen families, preserve heritage, educate individuals and communities, and provide second chances where appropriate, encouraging individuals to realize their potential and ability to achieve their highest quality of life." We are grateful to the staff, leadership and board of trustees of the Herzstein Foundation for their generous support.



Your Donations Help Us Shine Brightly!

The mission of The Lighthouse of Houston is to assist people who are blind or low vision to be independent members of society. Each year, approximately 5,000 persons receive services from The Lighthouse. The donations received from our network of companies, foundations and individual donors enable us to provide world-class services and programs. To show your support by making a donation online, simply visit www.houstonlighthouse.org/donate.



#LIGHT IT UP!

Our 60-day seasonal giving awareness campaign has returned for 2022!

The Lighthouse is once again holding a 60-day giving campaign called #LIGHTITUP! The goal of the campaign is to raise \$20,000 for general operational support of our programs & services, culminating in Giving Tuesday, on November 29!



Each week during the campaign, a new way to give to The Lighthouse will be in the spotlight, ranging from vehicle and stock donations to shopping for the Lighthouse through Amazon Smile! For every \$1,000 milestone achieved, we will “light up” our digital animation to signify the progress toward our goal.

You can make a difference! To make a donation to The Lighthouse of Houston by Paypal, simply visit our donation page of our website at www.houstonlighthouse.org/donate

Summer Camp = SoMuchFun!



The Lighthouse of Houston welcomed back our Summer Campers for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic! Summer Camp ran through the months of June & July, and featured daily inclusive activities to keep the children active, engaged, and having fun! Kids enjoyed music, crafts, indoor swimming, LEGOS and a host of other summertime things. Our thanks to our volunteers, lifeguards, staff and especially the parents who entrusted us with your kiddos. We loved spending time with them!

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