

The Spotlight

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New Store to Create Jobs



Copy paper, printer ink, file folders, cleaning supplies and office furniture are some of the items for sale at the new Lighthouse Office Supply Store.

The store held its grand opening on June 25 and is located at 1953 Austin Street in San Angelo, TX.

"With this store, we hope to create new jobs for the blind and give our customers a new and faster way to get the products they need," said Josh Glaze, Lighthouse Office Supply Man-

West Texas Lighthouse started

Lighthouse Office Supply in 2016 to create customer service and sales jobs for the blind and visually impaired.

Since 2016, businesses and individuals in San Angelo, Abilene, and across the country have ordered supplies and furniture via the website and by phone, receiving their items in 1 to 2 business days. With the addition of the storefront, San Angelo customers can see and touch the products and receive their items in minutes instead of days.

"Another benefit is that the public can

come to the store and see blind people at work, doing the same job as a sighted person," said Manuel Zavala, Product Development Assistant.

Pictured above, Canyon Sullivan (left) and Manuel Zavala (right), are store employees. Canyon, who is almost totally blind, handles customer service in-store and online and also makes sales calls to national customers. Manuel is legally blind; when he's not handling in-store customer service, he is busy helping the Lighthouse develop new products.

The store carries 1,000 of the 70,000

West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

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items in the Lighthouse's catalog. These 1,000 items are the *essentials* needed in most workplaces, such as copy paper and ink. The full catalog of 70,000 items represents *everything* that could be needed or wanted in an office and is available online at www.LighthouseOfficeSupply.com.



The Lighthouse is a non-profit organization but does not receive any funding from the government to support its mission. To create jobs for the blind and visually impaired, the Lighthouse makes money the old-fashioned way, by selling products.

"We operate just like any small business, earning money by providing quality competitively-priced products and excellent service. But there is one key difference: we use our profits to better the community, to help the blind and visually impaired," said Glaze.

"I want Lighthouse Office Supply to grow so more blind people like me can be hired to do what I do," added Canyon Sullivan, Customer Service Rep.

Products

Office Supplies

Classroom Supplies

Office Furniture

Janitorial Supplies

Breakroom Supplies

Technology Accessories

Low-vision Products

Lighthouse Skilcraft brand Products

Advantages

Competitive Prices

Extensive Product Selection

More ways to buy: Online, In-Store, Phone

FREE Shipping

FREE No-hassle Returns

Local Service

Expertise & Solutions

Loyalty Rewards

Every Purchase Helps the Blind

Newsletter Exclusive Coupon



Newsletter recipients only: get 10% off your next order of supplies.

Online: use coupon code **NEWS10** at checkout.

<u>In-store</u>: bring newsletter and we'll scan the barcode at checkout.





New Products

In addition to the 70,000 name brand products available through Lighthouse Office Supply, the Lighthouse continues to develop our own Blind-Made Skilcraft products right here in West Texas, primarily for sale to the State of Texas and the Federal Government.

The assembly, packaging and labeling of these products continues our mission of providing great jobs for people who

are blind or visually impaired.

Two of our newest products, calendars and shopping bags, have become very popular, and 2018 is projected to be our best year ever for sales and employment.





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Sep 6 @ 5pm Nov 5 @ 5pm Oct 4 @ 5pm Dec 17 @ 5pm



Aug 27 @ Noon Sep 18 @ Noon Oct 18 @ Noon



Sep 14 @ Noon Nov 8 @ Noon

Sep 19 @ 5pm Nov 30 @ 5pm

Oct 5 @ Noon Dec 14 @ 5pm

Oct 17 @ 5pm Dec 20 @ Noon

Nov 20 @ Noon Dec 19 @ Noon

Service Awards

Johnnie Banda

2 years Mark Dudley

Charles Wilson

5 years Liz Nunez

Leslie Bell

Margarita Cantu

10 years Jorge Castillo

Scott Fischer

Stephen Horton



Employees of the Month

Marilyn Parsons Paul Carbajal Louis Mann

Perfect Attendance

Jaynee Boehm Marilyn Parsons Julia Medrano **Judy Rivers** Mary Perez

Helen Glenn

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

Donations can be made on our website: www.lighthousefortheblind.org 915 Lighthouse Way or mail to:

San Angelo, TX 76903



The Lighthouse is pleased to announce the following new employees to our team:

Paul Carbajal Christopher Jones Jerrica Bullock Victoria Colomo Mariesol Carbajal

Jeremy Simmons Lorenzo Reyna Alice Grajeda Joe Coleman

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