

**Service Awards**

**25 Years** Helen Glenn

**10 Years** Vickie Sanders  
Manuel Zavala

**5 Years** Rudy Munoz  
Jayne Boehm

**2 Years** Tammy Fuson  
Rita Temple



**Employees of the Month**

Bob Hagemier  
Paul Carbajal

**Perfect Attendance**

Felix Reyes  
Helen Glenn  
Margarita Cantu  
Jerrica Bullock



West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

# The Spotlight

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## Lighthouse Employee Wins Top Honor



Pictured left to right: Ed Serna, John Luna, Marilyn Parsons and Derek Clark

Marilyn Parsons took home the top award at the TIBH Industries banquet and expo.

The Artie Lee Hinds Award is presented to the top individual in the State of Texas that has excelled in their job performance and attitude.

The WorksWonders Program provides job opportunities to people who are blind or have other disabilities in the State of Texas. She was chosen out of 6,000 individuals with disabilities employed through this program.

"What a night to remember, this is just wonderful," said Marilyn. "It's an honor that I will cherish for the rest of my life".

Marilyn began losing her sight in 1979 due to Sarcoidosis (in which granulomas form in various organs). During the 80's her vision progressively worsened which led to numerous surgeries. After that her vision improved for a while, but due to scarring on the retina, she was left with numerous blind spots. The doctor told Marilyn she would have to quit working be-

cause she was a danger to herself as well as others with her vision.

For 22 years Marilyn had worked as an activity director and assistant administrator at a nursing home, and now she found herself without employment. She states that she was an "emotional wreck." She stayed home and completed housework and yard work but mostly thought about what she couldn't do, or what she wouldn't be able to do in the future.

In 2011 the Commission for the Blind



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

Marciela Hernandez	Jolene Hicks
Terrence Keighley	Alex Hoxeng
Joshua Teague	Uriel Sanchez
Tatum Bowden	Ashley Martinez
Trula Berry	Yadira Uranga
Fred Kvasnicka	Manuel Vigil
Braulo Lopez	Allen Sigler
Daphanie Bolen	Brett Parmer

### 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
- Production tables
- Pallet wrapping machine

Donations can be made on our website:  
[www.lighthousefortheblind.org](http://www.lighthousefortheblind.org)  
or mail to: 915 Lighthouse Way  
San Angelo, TX 76903

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## Marilyn's Story Continued

visited Marilyn and "I told them I have to do something, I cannot continue to just sit around here." They told her about the West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind. She was given a tour, and the following week started working.



Marilyn Parsons and husband Mike

"The Lighthouse has given me a purpose again." She states, "I feel better, all because of the Lighthouse. I think some people who are labeled handicapped think they are owed something, but I feel like I owe them. They provided me with a job; I am thankful and owe them the best job I can do. The Lighthouse saved my life."

Marilyn is a perfect example of what our mission is all about, creating jobs and changing lives. Her attitude, dedication, quality of work, attendance, productivity and versatility earned her this award. She is truly a valuable asset to our company.



## Lighthouse Expands Job Opportunities to Midland/Odessa

In October, the Lighthouse expanded their employment opportunities to Midland, Texas. This satellite location will help serve people in the Midland and Odessa area who were unable to find employment due to their vision limitations.

We are currently operating out of the Midland Downtown Lions building, but we have purchased a building and it is under renovation.

The Midland facility is assembling the Bic style prison stick pen, which we sell to the State of Texas. This pen is a great product to begin operations at this facility. It is a big seller and is easy to assemble.

After we move to our new building in the near future, we hope to increase the number of employees and add additional products for Midland.

We are excited about this new challenge and opportunity it provides for people who are blind in Midland. "Creating Jobs and Changing Lives" continues to be our mission and we know this will make a difference in the Midland/Odessa area.

### Join Our TEAM

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

Keep up with us on Facebook @ [www.facebook.com/WestTexasLighthouse](http://www.facebook.com/WestTexasLighthouse)



Do you know someone in West Texas who is blind or visually impaired?

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## New Products

The assembly, packaging and labeling of products for the military commissaries is one of the many ways we provide employment for people who are blind or visually impaired. Pictured are some of our products on display at commissaries.



Collapsible Shopping Bags  
Fort Lewis-McChord, Washington



Lunch on the Go Bags  
Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona



Pro Stain Eraser  
McConnell AFB, Kansas



Breast Cancer Shopping Bags  
Fairchild AFB, Washington



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