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VISIONCORPS' TANEE WALL HONORED AS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE BY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

LANCASTER, Penna. (Dec. 29, 2020) – Tanee Wall is ending 2020 with two big achievements: she was recently promoted to the Assistant Director of Contract Management Services (CMS) in VisionCorps' professional services division, and she was selected as the CMS Outstanding Participant by the National Industries for the Blind (NIB).

Wall, who is legally blind, began working as a contract closeout specialist in the CMS Philadelphia office in 2017. She moved to Winston-Salem at the beginning of the year for better educational opportunities for her 9-year-old son, Eli, and her 6-year-old daughter, Elisha. Wall now works remotely supervising a nine-member team supporting the General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT) initiative, a private sector initiative staffed by CMS.

"Tanee has an innate work ethic and true desire to obtain knowledge. She takes initiative and does not back away from any challenges," said Carolyn Madison, Vice President of Contract Management Services for VisionCorps.

Madison said NIB's Outstanding Participant Award for CMS recognizes an individual efficient in completing her job duties and providing a quality work product. The individual demonstrates that she is a team player, problem solver and dedicated employee.

"Tanee's nickname is 'tenacious' for her selflessness, work ethic, and independence," said Madison. "She has a thirst for knowledge and the ability to act on an idea or process improvement to benefit her team and our organization."

Madison said that Wall does whatever is necessary to get the job done.

VisionCorps had an opportunity to provide contract closeout services to the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. The contract required five positions but VisionCorps

had personnel to only fill four. Madison said Wall volunteered to temporarily fill the last position and traveled back and forth from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. weekly for four months.

Wall's supervision of the GDIT initiative and other contracts has resulted in exemplary results, said Madison, citing Wall's quality of work and efficiency in achieving top results. Wall's work product and accuracy have been noted as "exceptional" by vendors such as the U.S. Military's Army Intelligence Command, and she was asked to develop standard operating procedures to help train governmental personnel in contract closeouts.

"Open and constant communication is the key to our success, especially when we are working in remote locations," said Wall. "I work hard to ensure that each team member is trained and informed on all applicable topics to help our initiative move forward."

Wall has some challenges: working through COVID-19 restrictions and having her team members located in various states including Pennsylvania, Virginia and Massachusetts. She coordinated computer equipment and assistive technology software for her team to operate remotely. Through technology such as Teams and Zoom, Wall has developed a training curriculum and productivity measurement tool, and continues regular communication and work interactions.

"I want to work hard and be an example to my children and the low vision/blind community of what blind people can accomplish," said Wall. "I hope to be a positive example who will motivate and allow others to be presented with various opportunities."

Wall, a Pennsylvania native, is a graduate of SUNY Cortland.

About VisionCorps

VisionCorps is a non-profit with a goal of empowering people who are blind or vision impaired to attain independence by providing them with the tools and training, including employment, to empower them. The organization serves almost 2,000 individuals with rehabilitation services in Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester, York and Adams counties. VisionCorps' Prevention of Blindness services includes KidSight, which screens more than 8,000 children annually for vision loss.

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