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VisionCorps to Dedicate York Facility and Honor Local Philanthropist Building dedication ceremony will honor Ann B. Barshinger and her late husband following a second historic contribution to the organization

York Pa., May 24, 2017 – York native Ann B. Barshinger will be honored by VisionCorps leadership and staff on Thursday, June 1, at 10 a.m. VisionCorps' York facility (formerly ForSight Vision) at 1380 Spahn Ave. will be dedicated to and named in honor of Ann and her late husband, Richard, following a \$1 million gift to VisionCorps Foundation to support services in York County.

The dedication of the "Richard and Ann B. Barshinger Visionary Center of York" will take place just one month after VisionCorps' announcement of its recent merger with ForSight Vision. The strategic combination of the two organizations enhances the breadth and depth of services offered to individuals who are blind or vision impaired in Southcentral Pennsylvania.

The building dedication ceremony will recognize Ann's second \$1 million gift to VisionCorps. In 2016, its Lancaster building was dedicated to Ann and named in her honor. Ann and her late husband are natives of York County and after learning of VisionCorps' merger with ForSight Vision, Ann generously pledged her support. The Barshingers have a long history of supporting nonprofit organizations in York and Lancaster Counties.

The date of the building dedication holds significance to Ann, as it was Richard's birthday.

For more than 90 years, VisionCorps has served individuals who are blind or vision impaired in Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester, York and Adams Counties through rehabilitation and employment opportunities. Rehabilitation and Youth Services provide the tools and training to empower individuals who are blind or vision impaired to attain independence. In total, VisionCorps employs more than 150 individuals, and the majority of these employees are blind or vision impaired.

About VisionCorps

VisionCorps serves over 3,000 individuals who are blind or vision impaired in Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester, York and Adams Counties, through rehabilitation services and/or employment opportunities. The Enterprise Group focuses on employing people who are blind in manufacturing, food processing, and administrative services. The downtown Lancaster facility fulfills contracts for the Department of Defense, including finishing, packaging and distributing helmet pads for the U.S. Military. The building also houses executive offices and the Steinman Eye Clinic, home to Yealy Eye Care of Lancaster, providing diagnostic eye care services at a need-based minimal charge.

About VisionCorps Foundation

VisionCorps Foundation is the fundraising arm of VisionCorps. The Foundation supports programs that empower individuals with vision loss to attain independence. VisionCorps is not a government agency and relies on financial support from individuals and businesses. Beyond rehabilitative programs, the Foundation also provides grants and scholarships to regional applicants.

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