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VISIONCORPS RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL PAPER FOUNDATION GRANT

LANCASTER, PA. (Sept. 17, 2020) – VisionCorps has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from International Paper’s Lancaster Plant and the International Paper Foundation. The funds will support rehabilitation services’ technology division to provide services to help those who are blind or vision-impaired.

“Technology is critical in providing rehabilitation services for our clients,” said Dennis Steiner, president and CEO of VisionCorps. “Today, many clients depend on technology to help them access both the written word and services to help them in their daily lives.

“VisionCorps has a mission of promoting independence, and technology provides the tools we need to help people who are blind or low vision live independently.”

One example, said Steiner, is that some clients use special magnifiers at home to help them read print, while others may use apps on smart phones to read for them. He said that VisionCorps provides services to about 1,500 clients in Adams, Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York counties.

The International Paper Foundation is one of the ways International Paper strives to reach its vision to be among the most successful, sustainable and responsible companies in the world. Started in 1952, the foundation annually provides millions in grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to address critical needs in the communities where its employees live and work. Funding priority is given to programs related to its signature causes: education, hunger, health and wellness, disaster relief, and initiatives that improve the planet. For more information, visit ipgiving.com.

“At International Paper, we believe our company cannot succeed if our communities do not succeed,” said Mark Jones, plant general manager, Lancaster Plant, International Paper. “We are proud to support VisionCorps as they strive to make an impact on helping those who are blind or have low vision live independently in Southcentral Pennsylvania.”

Photo caption – From left, Mark Jones and Dawn Moore from IP, Dennis Steiner, President and CEO of VisionCorps, and Megan Sofilka Tomscheck, VisionCorps VP/Chief Development Officer.

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 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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