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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **VisionCorps Announces Merger with ForSight Vision** *Strategic union of organizations to create greater value for clients and growth opportunities for employees*

MAY 2017 Lancaster, Pa. – VisionCorps recently announced that a plan has been approved to merge with ForSight Vision, York County.

Following the merger, ForSight Vision will be known as VisionCorps. It will retain its offices and programs at 1380 Spahn Ave., in York. VisionCorps and VisionCorps Foundation, the fundraising arm of VisionCorps, will have former members of the ForSight board of directors serving the VisionCorps boards, as directors and trustees.

The strategic combination of the two organizations will enhance the breadth and depth of services offered to people who are blind and vision impaired in Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester, York, and Adams Counties (with the recent addition of Hanover and Gettysburg). The organization's offering of rehabilitation services includes but is not limited to; Orientation & Mobility, Case Management, Occupational Therapy, Low Vision Therapy, Assistive Technology Instruction, Preventative Vision Screenings, and Youth Services Programming.

"The union was created to leverage both organization's combined resources in order to provide the highest level of service within the community. We are excited to begin collaboration and look forward to serving the blind and vision impaired community for years to come," expressed Dennis Steiner, President and CEO, VisionCorps.

The merger will coincide with the retirement of Bill Rhinesmith, President, ForSight Vision, "As I retire from 34 years of service to York and surrounding areas," said Rhinesmith, "I am pleased to know the clients we serve are in good hands. Residents who are blind or vision impaired will continue to receive the very best services available."

The merger will also assist in creating growth opportunities for employees by expanding Enterprise Group operations to seven locations in South Central Pennsylvania. Enterprise Group capabilities include food manufacturing, contract management, document imaging, light manufacturing and product assembly, as well as supply chain management.

With the merger, VisionCorps' workforce will total 150 individuals working throughout South Central Pennsylvania. VisionCorps remains committed to creating employment opportunities for individuals who are blind or vision impaired.

ForSight's longstanding investment account will be under the management of VisionCorps Foundation's Board of Trustees. The Foundation, the fundraising arm of VisionCorps, will continue to build this investment fund with individual donations, corporate gifts and grants. With this well-managed investment fund, community residents can rely on VisionCorps and the services they provide for years to come. VisionCorps is not a government agency and relies on donations from community individuals, businesses, service clubs and the like. The Foundation is looking forward to continuing the strong partnerships with donors and other Foundations in York and Adams Counties.

### **About VisionCorps**

[VisionCorps](#) serves more than 2,000 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 or vision impaired in manufacturing, food processing and administrative services. VisionCorps also houses The Steinman Eye Clinic, home to [Yealy Eye Care of Lancaster](#), providing diagnostic eye care services at a need-based minimal charge.

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