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Rappel 10 Stories from roof of Holiday Inn Lancaster Friday, July 9, 2021

(LANCASTER, Penna.) May 24, 2021 – <u>VisionCorps</u> will host Eye Drop 2021, its signature rappel fundraiser, on Friday, July 9, 2021, at the Holiday Inn Lancaster, N. Chestnut and N. Queen Streets. The event will be livestreamed.

Jesse Miller, who is legally blind, is looking forward to his second time to go over the edge for <u>Eye Drop 2021</u>, (<u>www.EyeDrop2021.org</u>), in which participants rappel 120' from the roof to the ground, after committing to a fundraising minimum.

"It's a new feeling," said Miller, "and it's awesome and exciting. People say to me, don't look over and I say, 'don't worry, I won't!"

Miller suffered a stroke in one eye in 2018, resulting in his loss of sight. He had previously been blind in one eye from a childhood benign meningioma.

"I've never been afraid of heights," said Miller, who works and receives services from VisionCorps, and lives with his family in Millersville. "I push myself because I know who I used to be, and I still want to be that person.

"This is one of the best experiences you can have," he said. "You're supporting and helping people who've lost their vision, and you can conquer your own fears."

About 100 rappelers will participate to support neighbors who are blind or have low vision in Adams, Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York counties. All proceeds support VisionCorps' prevention, rehabilitation, and employment services.

Join Miller and rappel for a cause! VisionCorps is seeking individuals and teams to participate, and sponsors at Eye Drop 2021.

Contact Carol, <u>cgifford@VisionCorps.net</u>, or 717-205-4149, to profile Jesse Miller or another participant!

WHAT:	Eye Drop 2021
WHY:	Help community members who are blind or vision-impaired live
	independently
WHEN:	Friday, July 9, 2021
	(Thursday, July 8, is Media/VIP Day: Media reps are invited to
	preview the event and rappel with cameras (Make advance
	arrangements by contacting Carol, cgifford@visioncorps.net.)
WHERE:	Holiday Inn Lancaster, Chestnut and Queen Streets., Lancaster

About VisionCorps

VisionCorps is a nonprofit 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 services include KidSight, which screens more than 8,000 children annually for vision loss.

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