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**Friday is National White Cane Day**

**(LANCASTER, Penna.) Oct. 14, 2021** – National White Cane Day is Friday, Oct. 15, 2021.

“The white cane is a symbol of freedom, independence, and confidence,” said Dennis Steiner, president and CEO of VisionCorps. “It’s a tool that enables people who are blind to travel safely and independently throughout their community. Safe and independent travel is essential in creating opportunities for greater personal and economic independence for people who are blind.”

Steiner said that VisionCorps offers orientation training using a white cane, for those who have vision loss. The service is provided for free, as are several other services for individuals with vision loss, including occupational therapy for daily living skills, educational and peer support groups, and technology instruction.

“Orientation and Mobility services are provided by a highly-skilled staff trained in the use of the white cane,” said Steiner. “Educational and peer support groups are also offered specifically around the topic of Orientation and Mobility.”

To find out more about orientation and mobility or other services, please call 717-205-4141,

White Cane Day was created by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 to recognize the movement of blind people from dependency to active participation in society.

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### **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 1,900 individuals with rehabilitation services in Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester, York and Adams counties. VisionCorps' prevention services include KidSight, which screens more than 7,200 children annually for vision loss.

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