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## Big Swing Golf Tournament and Silent Auction on Oct. 3 to Benefit VisionCorps

**LANCASTER, Penna. (Sept. 14, 2022)** – Ray Shirk's Big Swing Golf Tournament and Silent Auction is set for Monday, Oct. 3, and will once again, benefit VisionCorps.

The event will begin at 12 noon, at the Conestoga Country Club, 1950 Stone Mill Rd., Lancaster. Individuals and foursomes can sign up by calling 717-875-1516.

Not a golfer? A silent auction will be held along with the golf tournament, and donations of goods and services would be appreciated. Please contact Lisa Shirk at 717-875-1516.

The golf tournament, one of VisionCorps' fundraisers since 2013 was established by Lisa Shirk, a former VisionCorps Foundation Trustee, in memory of her husband, Ray Shirk.

Ray Shirk was a successful businessman, entrepreneur and visionary. He was the founder and CEO of the Securus Group, a multi-faceted insurance firm that earned the honor of Best Places to Work in PA. in 2008 and 2011. His ability to lead is evident in the company he grew, and the many relationships he built with friends and clients who knew him as a trusted advisor, says Lisa Shirk.

Ray Shirk's greatest joy and fulfillment was in spending time with his family, and both Ray and Lisa Shirk were very grateful for the help their grandson received from VisionCorps. They appreciated VisionCorps' service over the years to their grandson.

To honor Ray Shirk's memory, his love of golf and the local organizations he cared about, she started Ray Shirk's Big Swing Tournament. It is now an annual event.

"VisionCorps is a light in the darkness for people with limited, impaired, or no sight," says Lisa Shirk. "It lights the way to live on a daily basis."

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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 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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