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OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW TECHNOLOGY & ACCESSIBILITY CENTER AT VISIONCORPS

LANCASTER, Penna. (Aug. 24, 2023) – <u>VisionCorps</u> opened its renovated Technology & Accessibility Center (TAC) today at a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Lancaster County Commissioners.

The three Lancaster County Commissioners – Chair Ray D'Agostino, Josh Parsons, and John Trescot – joined Dennis Steiner, VisionCorps President/CEO, to officially open the new facility.

"We are grateful to the Lancaster County Commissioners for supporting our work and the renovation of our Technology & Accessibility Center with a \$100,000 grant from ARPA funding," said Steiner. "This new space will help us serve more people who have impaired vision and make it more convenient to provide individualized service to help them find accessible or technological solutions.

"We can help individuals who are blind or have low vision find solutions that make it easier for them to live independently."

The TAC is used for individual assessments of clients who are blind or have vision impairments. It includes areas set up as a kitchen, living/family room, an office, and technology display area.

Clients can use the room to try low-vision solutions such as: task lighting, cell phone options, magnifiers, TV remotes, stove and microwave operation, kitchen tool prep, and white cane instruction. In addition, clients can learn about technology such as computer operation, software, apps, magnifiers, and some wearable technology solutions.

The TAC, located on the second floor of VisionCorps, 244 N. Queen St., Lancaster, is open by appointment. For more information, please call VisionCorps at 717-205-4141.

OPEN HOUSE: Following the official opening, a public open house will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1-4 p.m. at the Technology & Accessibility Center (TAC), 244 N. Queen St., second floor, Lancaster. It will include demonstrations and light refreshments. All are welcome to attend to find out more about VisionCorps' services and technology and accessibility assistance to people with low vision.

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 10,000 children annually for vision loss.

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