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Dennis Steiner, VisionCorps President and CEO, Announces His Retirement

(Lancaster, Penna.) Feb. 13, 2025 – Dennis Steiner, president and CEO of VisionCorps, has announced his retirement effective on Oct. 31, 2025, said Paul Trunk, chairman of the VisionCorps Board of Directors.

“After 42 years of working in the field of blind and low vision services, including 17 years as president and CEO of VisionCorps, I’m ready to focus on preparing the next generation of leaders for our organization,” said Steiner.

Trunk said the Board is committed to begin a search for a new president and CEO and has established a committee to lead the search.

“We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition in leadership for our employees, partners in the field, and our clients,” said Trunk.

“I am grateful for the opportunities I’ve had to learn, grow, lead, and mold VisionCorps into an organization that provides essential vision rehabilitation services for individuals who are blind or vision impaired, and offers meaningful jobs to people who are blind,” said Steiner. He began working at VisionCorps in 1984 as a case manager and worked his way up to lead the agency.

“The most important work Dennis has done here at VisionCorps is his focus on changing the way we approach individuals with vision loss,” said Trunk. “He transitioned this community from the historical paternal, hand-holding mentality to a place where independence and autonomy for the blind community are possible, incorporating the most current tools and training.”

Steiner accomplished that by his leadership by example, including internal advocacy, and meeting with public officials on the local, state, and federal levels, said Trunk. He said Steiner has also served on several national and international boards committed to advancing opportunities for individuals who are blind.

Steiner said he never thought of myself as a blind CEO.

“I am a CEO who happens to be blind,” said Steiner. “I want people to recognize that people who are blind can do almost anything that sighted people can do.

Steiner's accomplishments include:

- Introducing summer youth programming to the agency and mentoring young people from youth through adult positions
- Expanding the footprint of VisionCorps from one facility in Lancaster to additional rehabilitation and employment sites in Adams, Chester, Lebanon, and York, and expanding employment opportunities in all facilities including a new location in Little Rock, AR
- Offering more rehabilitation services to clients, free of charge, with help from employment revenues
- Increasing the focus of rehabilitation services to include new technology offerings from smart glasses and magnifiers to apps and more.

"It's all about working with people and making sure that people who are blind have many of the same opportunities as those who are sighted," said Steiner. "I've enjoyed my time at VisionCorps and believe that all my experiences are an opportunity for learning."

Steiner and his wife, Candy, reside in Lancaster Township. Steiner said he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and two grandchildren, but that he also plans to continue to advocate the vision impaired.

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