

Perhaps there is  
some way you would  
like to share

Such as . . .

By contributing through memorial gifts, legacies, trusts, grants or foundation funding — large or small — no matter.

By purchasing Skilcraft Products available in supermarkets or direct-to-the home — made by blind workers of the Dallas Lighthouse.

By becoming a Lighthouse Volunteer and helping in any one of the many areas that is rewarding and fulfilling.

By learning more about the Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind Workshop and Rehabilitation Program.

We invite you to visit the Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind — both the Administrative and Training Center and the Workshop — and to tour the expanded facilities, meet the staff and see firsthand how meaningful and vital are the services *you* help provide for blind persons.



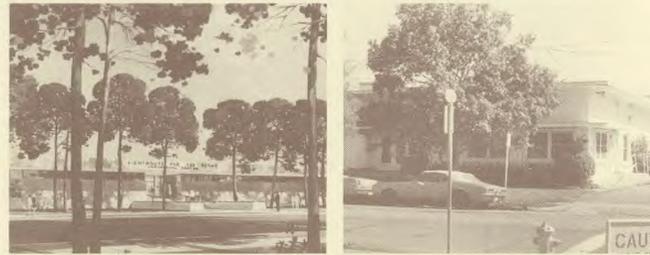
They come  
they are  
warmly welcomed  
and . . .



They become  
confident  
self supporting citizens

The purpose of this brochure is to bring an awareness to the public of the philosophy, the programs offered, the employment opportunities, and the social services available at the Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind.

The Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, a United Way Agency, provides these services to all visually impaired or multi-handicapped visually impaired individuals seventeen years of age or older, regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin, or geographic residency in the state of Texas.



A complex of facilities providing full services for the visually impaired. Our Administrative Training Center, above, top, was dedicated in the Spring of 1976. In this new building we are able to provide more efficient and thorough training to the visually impaired. Our workshop and warehouse, shown above, left, was expanded by some 16,000 sq. ft. in 1976 to enable us to hire more blind individuals and increase our storage for items produced. Our Social Services Center, above right, is now being used to provide activities for the elderly blind. All social services and counseling for the blind are provided through this center.

May we thank you for your assistance to the Dallas Lighthouse. Your support is as crucial to the future of the blind and multi-handicapped blind individuals as is the dedication of our staff and the determination of the clients themselves.

### Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind

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“My blindness is my sight. The shadows that I feared so long are full of life and light.”

Alice Cary (blind)

Dallas  
Lighthouse for the Blind

## The Training Center

Here we are able to provide one of the most modern, scientific and yet practical vocational evaluation and training

programs for adult blind and multi-handicapped blind in the country. In fact, we have been chosen as a pilot in this field of training, by the State.

Adult blind individuals seeking employment opportunities are referred to the Lighthouse Training Center by the State Commission for the Blind. A thorough vocational evaluation is done on each individual admitted into our program to determine vocational potentials and goals. This evaluation is conducted by a well trained staff whose expertise in working with blind and multi-handicapped blind is second to none. Upon completion of this evaluation, a plan of training is developed for the individual which will enable him to use his vocational abilities to their optimum.

When the individual completes his vocational training, the Placement Specialist with the State Commission will assist the blind or multi-handicapped blind in employment opportunities.

After an individual does become employed, the services of the training staff of the Lighthouse are available to him to help him make the adjustment into the new work setting.

## The Work Shop

The Lighthouse is recognized for the high quality of products manufactured in its workshop. The most important product of the Workshop doesn't have a label. It is the self-respect of blind and multi-handicapped blind men and women gained through self-support. Through tremendous effort on the part of experienced supervisors with understanding of the blind; and continuous improvements of working conditions, these blind workers can be assured a good quality of life.

Unlike the image of blind workshops of the past, the Dallas Lighthouse is a model for efficiency, utilizing modern methods, techniques and automated machinery to manufacture its more than sixty different products, which are distributed widespread through Government, retail, wholesale and direct methods.

Sub-contract work from many diversified businesses provides another important source of employment and income for the blind.

The Dallas Lighthouse prides itself on operating one of the most modern and efficient facilities of its type in America. To earn and maintain our position in a highly competitive market, we must produce high *quality* products, for which the Lighthouse is known.

## The Services Center

Serving the blind and multi-handicapped blind involves more than vocational training and employment. The Lighthouse serves the whole person. The main objective of the Social Services Department is that of helping the blind to become as independent as possible. The social worker is constantly alert to social and emotional problems that might interfere with medical care or rehabilitation. The loss of jobs, disruption of the home, and emotional reactions to blindness are often a crucial hurdle that the social worker must help the client to overcome.

The rate of blindness increases with age. Seventy-five percent of those served by this department are fifty-five years of age or older. An additional service for these elderly blind is now being offered through the Social Services Department. The area of social activities is very important to the blind and multi-handicapped blind. These senior blind can participate in daily activities at our Social Services Center, which will enable them to socialize with others and also receive training in independent living skills. This is simply another way that the blind are helped to help themselves.

The services that the Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind offers to the blind or multi-handicapped blind are not provided out of sympathy. The blind receive too much of this. Basically, these individuals do not differ from other people except for the fact that they are visually impaired. They were created by the same Creator, who created the whole of mankind. With proper training, they can perform numerous jobs the sighted individual can perform. It is this type of training, giving attention to the "entire person," that is provided at the Dallas Lighthouse.

## Understanding and assistance rewards a worthy cause

When anyone, regardless of who that person may be, has a good self-image, and knows he is of some value, that person will respond in kind. This is why the Lighthouse is proud of the performance of its workers. They know they are accepted, not for what they are, but for who they are. They are self-sustaining citizens, taking their rightful position in society and maintaining full self-respect.

To assure a continuing full service program to the visually impaired persons, a tender understanding by responsive individuals and a willingness to assist where the need is greatest is required. YOUR assistance can be a rewarding experience.

Skills training necessary to earn a living is provided blind trainees.



Workers earn a livelihood through productivity in contract department.



Caseworker counsels elderly blind as well as workers and trainees.

