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The Lighthouse for the Blind hosting 3-Day Event

TYLER, Texas – The Lighthouse for the Blind announces plans for a 3-day event taking place in October in recognition of National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month and also to benefit programs and services they provide to the blind and visually impaired.

The weekend of events starts Thursday, Oct. 14 with The Lighthouse Golf Tournament at Garden Valley Golf Club; Friday, Oct. 15 The Lighthouse Educational Fair and White Cane Walk at Bergfeld Park; and Saturday, Oct. 16 blind blues great Bryan Lee and the Blues Power Band will perform at Caldwell Auditorium.

“We are excited to offer the community a fun filled schedule of events that not only educates the public about blindness, eye diseases and safety, but also provides them with information about the many programs and services we offer at the Lighthouse,” CEO David Huffman said. “We are especially pleased to have Southside Bank, KLTN 7 and Trinity Mother Frances as our Platinum Sponsors.”

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The Lighthouse Golf Tournament offers Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorships with a field of 24 teams. The Educational Fair will provide the public an opportunity to learn about programs, services and equipment for the blind and visually impaired from a variety of organizations, including The Lighthouse.

People of all ages are invited to participate in The White Cane Walk that will be routed down the brick streets beside the park. To wrap up the weekend New Orleans bluesman Bryan Lee will rock the house for East Texans at Caldwell Auditorium. Lee is a blind artist who has recorded 13 albums and played with blues greats like Buddy Guy.

“Our mission at the Lighthouse is to empower blind Americans through rehabilitation, education, training and employment. That is why October is an important month for us to recognize our blind and visually impaired employees and to educate the community about what we do,” Huffman said.

In 1988 Congress designated the month of October as National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month to increase the public’s awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities. White Cane Day is recognized on Oct. 15 to celebrate the independence and mobility of people who are blind and serve as a safety reminder to motorists; it has been recognized since 1964.

The Lighthouse has three operating divisions: Horizon Industries, Lighthouse Graphics and East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind Rehabilitative Services which collectively employs 69 blind and visually impaired people. To learn more about the programs and services at The Lighthouse visit www.tylerlighthouse.org or call 903.595.3444.

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