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Dear Community Partner,

As you may know, Lighthouse Central Florida (formerly known as CITE). is a group of individuals dedicated to educate, encourage and empower people with low vision or blindness of all ages. Each day we provide vision rehabilitation services to meet the needs of children and adults affected by severe vision challenges. Since 1976, we have been serving the residents of Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Sumter Counties.

Most of our operational funds come through Florida's Department of Education Division of Blind Services, County and City entities, United Way and grants. These funds enable us to serve between 750 – 1,000 visually impaired children and adults each year. However, we know there are at least 50,000 and as many as 80,000 individuals living in Central Florida who could benefit from our services. In light of this considerable gap, we are challenging the community to actively support our Society Benefit Auction Fundraiser.

On the evening of October 14, 2006, we will be hosting our inspiring Eye Ball at the Rosen Plaza International. This celebration will feature a cocktail reception and preview of the silent auction, dinner, live auction, the 2006 Visionary Awards and live entertainment by smooth jazz recording artist, Nelson Rangell. We invite you to join in our excitement.

Specifically, we would like your support of our live and silent auction events, and would greatly appreciate you being as generous as possible. Gift certificates, merchandise, travel opportunities, and entertainment tickets are just a few of the many ways your company can show its support of Lighthouse Central Florida. Larger sponsorships are also available for more extensive recognition. In exchange for this incredible and often tax-deductible donation, we will acknowledge your gift and promote you both in our auction catalog and in our pre-event publicity as desired. Benefit auctions are the best way to show your charitable spirit and reap the rewards of extensive low-cost advertising. By supporting this auction fundraiser, you are helping to ensure the continuation of our extensive community services, which benefit our entire community.

Think about it...what if Central Florida did not have the precious resources of a Lighthouse? Our community members living with severe vision impairment AND the rest of the Central Florida community deserves to have a strong and viable vision rehabilitation agency. Your thoughtful contribution to our Eye Ball Auction event will help ensure that LCF is here for many years to come. We thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

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