



The San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind – The mission - Empowering the lives of the blind and vision impaired. We accomplish this through employment in our manufacturing plant and military stores and our rehabilitation programs. These opportunities allow people to live productive lives with dignityturning dis-ABILITY into **ABILITY**. The Lighthouse is the community icon for training, educating and employing the blind and visually impaired, in addition to being a leader in manufacturing and sales in support of the military with U.S. made products.

The San Antonio Lighthouse.

- Has been operating and supporting the blind in San Antonio since 1933
- In 2019 provided over 18,000 services to over 6,000 San Antonians who are blind and severely vision impaired
- Is one of the largest manufacturing operations in the city
- Making and selling the only “U.S.-made” pens, pencils and highlighters in San Antonio
- Supporting our troops through contracts with the Army, Navy, and Air Force (uniforms, helmet chin straps, and oil analysis kits, writing utensils, etc.)
- Employs 500+ people -- half of whom are blind (competitive pay, medical, and retirement)
- Is one of only two agencies for the disabled in the world to be awarded quality certifications of both ISO 9001 and AS 9100 (aerospace)
- Operates 14 mission-support stores on 11 military installations across Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma (including Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases). A 15th store is soon to be opened on Ft. Sam Houston.
- Maintains an E-Commerce website with nearly 50,000 office supplies and furniture products, many of which are produced by people who are blind – www.salighthouse.org
- Operates an extensive Senior Center in San Antonio and surrounding areas for the blind/visually impaired ages 23 and up
- Operates the only Low Vision Store in South Texas
- Operates the only Blind Children’s Education Program serving birth through 14 years of age
- Functions as a “One-Stop Shop” for the blind in San Antonio.
- Top 50 Non Profit Nationally

- Some of the critical services provided are:

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| - <i>Technology training</i> | - <i>Independent living skills</i> |
| - <i>Vocational assessment</i> | - <i>School to work transitioning</i> |
| - <i>Job Placement</i> | - <i>(ages 16 to 21)</i> |
| - <i>Scholarships</i> | - <i>Employment</i> |

