

## **Business brief**

# **Lighthouse for the Blind earns 2016 growth award**

### **STAFF REPORT**

West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind was honored by National Industries for the Blind with the 2016 Employment Growth Award.

The award recognizes Lighthouse's efforts to increase employment retention, growth and upward mobility for people who are blind.

Dave Wells, executive director of the West Texas Lighthouse said "Our motto is 'Creating jobs and changing lives,' for people who are blind and visually impaired here in San Angelo and Abilene.

"This award validates the efforts of not only our staff, but also the partnership we have with the Department of Blind Services.

"We are proud of all of our blind employees, especially those that have put in the extra effort to qualify for promotions within this organization."

Employment Growth Award recipients receive a cash payment from a fund created to recognize and encourage NIB associated nonprofit agencies that grow or sustain employment for people who

are blind. Emphasis is also placed on efforts to increase upward mobility in the workplace and job placements.

"It is an honor for me to recognize West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind with a 2016 Employment Growth Award," said Kevin Lynch, president and CEO of NIB.

"West Texas Lighthouse fort the Blind, continues to lead the way in creating employment and high-growth career opportunities for people who are blind."