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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Lighthouse for the Blind-St. Louis is excited to share with you our low vision program, the Children's Low Vision Project (CLVP). The purpose of CLVP is to provide school age children who are visually impaired, ages 2-21, with clinical low vision evaluations, prescribed optical devices, and instruction in device use.

Your child will receive, at no cost to you or your child's school district, a comprehensive low vision evaluation, a complete written report with recommendations for appropriate low vision devices, any devices prescribed, and instruction in the use of those devices as necessary. Instruction is provided in your child's school, home, or community until he or she is proficient in using his or her new tools. Low vision clinics take place throughout Missouri to best accommodate families from a variety of locations throughout the state.

A child may be referred to the program by family, teachers, or their primary eye care provider. Upon referral, the child's education team is asked to provide the child's most current visual assessments as well as an updated eye report and any vision related IEP goals. A child is scheduled for their clinical low vision evaluation at the clinic location closest to the city in which they reside. Family members, teachers of students with visual impairments, and certified orientation and mobility specialists are encouraged to attend the low vision evaluation to provide valuable insight on the child as well as to obtain knowledge of the recommendations prescribed. The services provided by CLVP do not take the place of regular visits to the child's primary eye care provider, such as his or her ophthalmologist or optometrist.

Should you have any questions regarding the information above or would like to refer your child for a low vision evaluation, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Coy, Program Director: jcoy@lhbindustries.com or 573-579-4359; Ashley Bement: abement@lhbindustries.com or 618-612-9412; or Izzy Breiter: ibreiter@lhbindustries.com or 507-327-0388.

CLVP looks forward to working with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Jennifer K. Coy, M.Ed., Program Director
Permission and Record Release Form

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I have read this consent letter and understand the purpose and procedures of this project. I freely and voluntarily choose to participate and to have my son or daughter participate. I agree to allow the school system/doctor's office to release information regarding my child's vision, i.e. most current functional vision assessment, ophthalmology report, orientation and mobility evaluations and IEP goals and objectives.

I authorize and give permission to the Children's Low Vision Project/Lighthouse for the Blind - St. Louis to obtain or provide information to my child's school district, optometrist/ophthalmologist, Delta Gamma Center and/or Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) for programming and collaboration. Low vision evaluation information will be kept confidentially with the CLVP director and staff.

I give permission for my child's photograph to be used by the Children's Low Vision Project/Lighthouse for the Blind- St. Louis for advertising purposes such as brochures, newsletters, press releases, video snippets, or written stories.

For Completion by the Parent or Guardian (if participant is **under** 18 years of age):

Child's Name

Child's School & District

Date of Birth

TVI and O&M Name

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Relationship to Child

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Eye Doctor's Name and location
(for obtaining most current eye exam
information if necessary):

Email Address

Preferred Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Completed forms may be returned to Jennifer Coy, 1373 County Road 468, Jackson, MO 63755 or emailed to jcoy@lhbindustries.com.

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