

San Antonio Lighthouse donates over \$7,000 of supplies to CYS

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San Antonio Lighthouse of the Blind donated over \$7,000 in supplies for the Fort Hood Child Development Center. More than 80 boxes of tabulating paper, file folders, and dishwashing liquid was donated to help the Fort Hood Child Development Centers, Family Child Care homes, and School-Age Services programs.

“While our military families are deployed and defending our country, it is important that we give back and provide their children with needed supplies,” Karen Maitlen, Area Sales Manager for San Antonio Lighthouse of the Blind said.

The donated supplies will be used to promote writing and literacy programs for preschool and 5-11 year olds. “These supplies are coming in just the right time, and will help us in our efforts of continuously pushing literacy,” Kimberly Bleakley-Sias, Director of the Fort Hood Child Development Center. “We are grateful to San Antonio Lighthouse of the Blind for providing these supplies for our children in the CDCs, FFCs, and SASs.”

“The Child and Youth Services offer many programs that provide wonderful services to Fort Hood and their families,” Johnette Coelho, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for San Antonio Lighthouse of the Blind said. “Through our coordinated efforts with the Classification Unit, Timi Dutchuk, Directorate of Public Works Chief of Maintenance, and Fort Hood Child Development Center, we plan to continue supporting our military families and donate needed supplies.”

“It is wonderful that San Antonio Lighthouse of the Blind is donating these supplies to us,” Mary Steveson, Assistant Director of the Fort Hood Child Development Center said. “Along with doing good things in the Fort Hood community, the San Antonio Lighthouse of the Blind also has great customer service and staff that go above and beyond to help you out.”

San Antonio Lighthouse of the Blind operates the Fort Hood Post Supply Center, Hazmart and Self Help store. The San Antonio Lighthouse is a non-profit organization affiliated with the National Industries for the Blind and employs nearly 300 of which 75% are blind or legally blind. The Fort Hood Post Supply Center, located at Building 4406, Warehouse Road and 77th Street provides to both military and government employees a wide variety of office, janitorial, picnic and field supplies as well as tactical gear, tools, building materials and authorized hazardous materials.

The mission of the Lighthouse is to create opportunities for individual independence. With over 50,000 blind and visually impaired in San Antonio touching lives through employment and or rehabilitation services is what the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind is about.