

# THE Lighthouse JOURNAL

## Volunteer of the Year!

Spring  
2018

Platt Allen and Kevin Higgins present Bill Neff with the 2017 **Volunteer of the Year** award. View Bill Neff's story online at [lighthousefw.org/neff](http://lighthousefw.org/neff).



Are **YOU** interested in becoming a helping hand at the Lighthouse? Contact Rebecca Smith at 817.529.7794 or go online for opportunities.

# We Love Our Lighthouse Supporters

2017 was a banner year for the Lighthouse thanks to all of our wonderful friends who invested in the Lighthouse mission. We not only received contributions to expand our Client Services programs, but also secured significant grant awards to purchase much needed equipment including an organization-wide computer upgrade; state-of-the-art edger for our Optical Finishing Lab; wire contour cutting machine to increase manufacturing productivity; and three new box stitchers in response to our spring appeal! Let's see what we can accomplish together this year. . .

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Thank you to the many individuals, businesses, vendors, civic organizations & churches who supported the Lighthouse so generously. We wish we could name all of you here, but please know that we are immensely grateful for all you do to help us better service people who are blind and visually impaired!

Visit our website at [www.lighthousefw.org/donors](http://www.lighthousefw.org/donors) for a complete list of 2017 Lighthouse Supporters

# Rest In Peace, Rick

It is with deep regret to announce the loss of a dear friend and valued colleague.

Rick Watkins passed away peacefully on Friday, January 19th, 2018, after a long battle with cancer. Each of us not only grieves at the passing of a tremendous individual, but also for the loss his family suffers.

Rick was a loved employee and had a true passion for the Lighthouse mission. He will be missed greatly. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family.



"Rick kept the Lighthouse running, literally. He was our go to repair man, figure it out man, set it up man, and keep it moving man. He had a real heart for the mission and said that he received much more from the Lighthouse than he ever gave. I disagree. This coming June would have been Rick's 20th year of service. When Rick's diagnosis was deemed terminal, he came to me with but one request. He wanted to be able to continue working. It was my joy to grant that request. Rest in Peace, friend."

– Platt Allen, III

*Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."  
Matthew 5:4*



**Make a donation to the Lighthouse  
by May 18th, and a little birdie will  
donate even more to support our  
services.**

The 2018 Birdies for Charity program is an opportunity for a charitable organization to benefit from the PGA TOUR event to further their fundraising initiatives. Any contribution made to the Lighthouse during the Fort Worth stop of the PGA Tour at Colonial Country Club will receive a percentage match for every birdie made during the tournament.

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