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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh Earns 2014 Employment Growth Award from National Industries for the Blind

*Award Honors Success in Sustaining and Increasing Employment
for People Who Are Blind*

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh (BVRS) was honored by National Industries for the Blind (NIB), the nation's largest employment resource for people who are blind, with the 2014 Employment Growth Award. The award recognizes Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Service's efforts to increase employment retention, growth and upward mobility for people who are blind. It is the third consecutive year that BVRS has been recognized.



"We are proud to provide employment opportunities for people who are blind in the Pittsburgh region," said BVRS President Erika Arbogast. "Our employees are talented and dedicated professionals, and we are honored to serve as an example in the community of the capabilities of people who are blind."

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

"It is an honor for me to recognize Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh with a 2014 Employment Growth Award," said Kevin Lynch, president and CEO of NIB. "BVRS continues to lead the way in creating employment and high-growth career opportunities for people who are blind."

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services is one of 94 nonprofit agencies throughout the country associated with NIB, the nation's largest employment resource for people who are blind.

MORE ABOUT BVRS

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, a 105-year-old private nonprofit, is a leader in programs and services for people of all ages who are blind, vision impaired, or have other disabilities. We believe in independence through rehabilitation. Our mission is to change the lives of persons with vision loss and other disabilities by fostering independence and individual choice.

We offer comprehensive and personalized computer instruction, employment and vocational services, personal adjustment to blindness training, independence skill building, in-home instruction, low vision services, children's vision screening, prevention of blindness services, and an industrial employment program. BVRS is accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services (NAC).

MORE ABOUT NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND

For more than 75 years, National Industries for the Blind (NIB) has been focused on enhancing the opportunities for economic and personal independence of people who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining and improving employment. NIB and its nationwide network of 94 associated nonprofit agencies serve as the largest employer for people who are blind by the sale of SKILCRAFT® and other products and services through the AbilityOne® Program, established by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. For more information about NIB, visit www.nib.org.

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Helping people who are blind, vision impaired or have other disabilities achieve their goals.