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Boeing announces \$100,000 grant to NewView Oklahoma for veterans programs and services

Oklahoma City, OK (January 15, 2020) – The Boeing Company recently announced a grant award of \$100,000 to NewView Oklahoma, a nonprofit organization working to empower individuals facing vision loss. Grant dollars will help expand NewView’s current programs and services for veterans.

“Boeing is committed to supporting veterans in Oklahoma by investing in critical workforce training and recovery and rehabilitation programs,” said Kristin Holland, community investor, Boeing Global Engagement. “We’re honored to support NewView Oklahoma’s VITAL program to provide visually impaired veterans with access to specialized services.”

According to a 2017 report by the American Foundation for the Blind, at least thirty percent of veterans in Oklahoma have a visual disability caused by service-related eye or traumatic brain injuries or age-related eye diseases.

Boeing's contribution will support NewView’s services for veterans with low vision, including comprehensive low vision rehabilitation, employment, the annual Veterans Day luncheon and programming for VITAL (Veterans Independence Through Adaptive Living), a community support group that meets monthly from September through May.

“Boeing’s community impact is unmatched,” said Lauren Branch, NewView president and CEO. “We are excited to expand and improve services to our veterans so they can live the independent and productive lives they deserve. This wouldn’t be possible without Boeing’s immense generosity.”

On January 15, Boeing employees Kristin Holland, Mark Cisneros and Dr. Dayvon McCarrell attended the monthly VITAL meeting at NewView’s Center for Low Vision and Blindness to announce the \$100,000 grant.

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About NewView Oklahoma:

NewView Oklahoma is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1949 with a mission to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their maximum level of

independence through employment, low vision rehabilitation, and community outreach. NewView Oklahoma is the leading employer of the blind and visually impaired individuals in Oklahoma and offers the only comprehensive Low Vision clinics in the state. Visit online at www.newviewoklahoma.org or follow on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).

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