



Please join Access Ability, your fellow JPMC employees, and our invited guests from Lighthouse Guild for a special screening event:

Going Blind

Going Blind is a unique documentary film that increases public awareness of sight loss and low vision issues profoundly affecting the lives of more and more people around the world. Screening will be followed by a panel discussion of sight loss, accommodations and workplace inclusiveness.

Date & Time: Monday, March 24th 5:45 – 7:30pm

Location: 277 Park Avenue, 17th Floor

Schedule of events:

5:00 to 5:45	Registration and networking. Beverages and snacks.
5:45	Opening remarks from Joseph Lovett & Lauren Oplinger
6:00	Screening of film: <i>Going Blind</i>
7:00	Panel discussion of film and touching on issues of workplace inclusion, featuring Joseph Lovett, Lauren Oplinger and two surprise guests.
7:30	Wrap up!

Joseph Lovett, Director.

Joseph Lovett has glaucoma, a disease that robs 4.5 million people worldwide of their vision. After years of slowly losing his sight, Joe decided to take action: to investigate how people all over the country respond to vision-loss. The film is a record of his search. It begins small, with people Joe meets on the streets of his hometown New York City and gradually leads him to places and people around the country, of all different ages and backgrounds. Each has a fascinating story about dealing with the vision loss caused by sight-robbing diseases, infections and accidents.

<http://goingblindmovie.com/film/>

Lauren Oplinger, JPMC employee (not featured in film).

An infection robbed Lauren of her sight in 2009. Today she still has no central vision, meaning she can't see objects directly in front of her, and no peripheral vision either. She can't make out people's faces, has trouble with street signs — but still manages to work a demanding job at JPMC, assisted by multiple over-size monitors and other accommodations. And, Lauren is also a strong advocate and a volunteer fund-raiser for Lighthouse International.

<http://nypost.com/2011/10/16/blind-ambition-pays-off/>

Lighthouse Guild

Since 1905, Lighthouse International has led the charge in the fight against vision loss through prevention, treatment and empowerment. Now, building on that long heritage, Jewish Guild Healthcare and Lighthouse International have formally merged to become Lighthouse Guild, the leading not-for-profit vision + healthcare organization. By integrating vision + healthcare services and expanding access through education and awareness, Lighthouse Guild helps people lead productive, dignified and fulfilling lives. <http://www.lighthouse.org/>

Hope you can join us for Access Ability's first-ever Monday Night Movie and Discussion.

Registration and networking from 5 pm to 5:45. Beverages & snacks courtesy of Kevin Watters.