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### Successful Nearby Explorer App Spins Off Into New Company

*Access Explorer company will take indoor navigation for people who are blind to the next level*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (March 4, 2019) – American Printing House (APH) is ensuring its powerful location exploration app will lead the way in the field of accessible indoor navigation. After years of seeing great success with the app Nearby Explorer, APH saw an opportunity to take the technology to the next level.

The new company, Access Explorer, will continue to grow and adapt the technology to create a product that will continue to help users navigate new spaces independently.

“APH has been working in accessibility for more than 160 years, and indoor navigation technology is the new frontier of accessibility,” explains APH president Craig Meador. “We are going to continue as a leader, convener, collaborator, and pioneer: this company is part of our commitment to making sure that navigation technology moves forward in a way that includes everyone.”

To lead this new venture, APH has hired Jose Gaztambide as the CEO of Access Explorer. With a background in software design and development Gaztambide has the skills needed to adapt Nearby Explorer and ensure it is at the forefront of all new advancements.

“I could not be more honored or excited to join Access Explorer as its CEO,” says Gaztambide. “Access Explorer is poised to lead the market in equipping people who are blind or visually impaired with technology to navigate indoor spaces more freely than ever before. I am humbled by the potential, inspired by the mission, and deeply committed to stewarding this important effort.”

Joining Gaztambide is Ed Scott. Scott has a long history of working in software development and will join Access Explorer as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO).

“I’m very excited to be a part of this new venture that started at APH and will continue to be advanced by Access Explorer,” says Scott. “We have an opportunity to develop technology that makes a positive impact for people who are blind or visually impaired by helping them explore indoor spaces, and that is just the starting point.”

The new spinoff will allow Nearby Explorer to grow in ways it couldn’t under the non-profit umbrella of APH. The changes are an opportunity to expand how and who the app serves and create a future that belongs to everyone.



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The media is invited to interview the staff of Access Explorer to learn more about this exciting new company.

**American Printing House is hosting the first ever Accessible Indoor Navigation Symposium in Louisville March 5 and 6 at the Frazier History Museum.** The event is bringing together leaders from across the world who work in accessible navigation. The media is invited to attend the historic event and interview leaders in this fast-growing field.

To schedule an interview, or visit the navigation symposium, contact Jonathan Wahl at 502-216-9075 or [jwahl@aph.org](mailto:jwahl@aph.org).

### **About Access Explorer**

Through technology, Access Explorer ensures people who are blind or visually impaired can independently navigate through venues and easily locate entrances, elevators, restrooms and other points of interest. For more information, please visit [www.accessexplorer.net](http://www.accessexplorer.net).

### **About American Printing House for the Blind**

American Printing House for the Blind is a worldwide leader in designing innovative lifelong learning solutions for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. In this fast-changing world, we believe in the power and necessity of learning to open the doors to educational success, satisfying employment, social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal well-being. We level the learning playing field by providing specialized technology, materials, products, and services that are essential for education and life. American Printing House for the Blind is headquartered at 1839 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information, please visit [www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org).

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