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Lighthouse Puts on the Glitz



The 2011 Beacon of Light Humanitarian Awards, "Puttin' on the Glitz," promises to be a fun and inspirational evening. It will take place the evening of Saturday, May 14, 2011, and will highlight the accomplishments of Dr. David & Rebecca Barron and the Hon. Nathaniel R. Jones, recipients of our prestigious Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award. Each has demonstrated leadership and involvement with youth; service and/or philanthropy; and a commitment to making brighter lives for youth and families.

In addition to the Awards Ceremony, the evening will include a cocktail hour at glitzy Saks Fifth Avenue, an elegant dinner at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, and the Big SurPRIZE sponsored by Saks Fifth Avenue. At the conclusion of the program, guests are in for a treat. Lighthouse Youth Services is excited to welcome pianist HYPERION KNIGHT to Cincinnati!

Hyperion is a versatile, multi-talented entertainer whose performances have an artistic breadth and personal flair. From Beethoven to the Beatles, Hyperion is known for the diversity of his repertoire. In addition to regular appearances with orchestras across the United States, he has been a featured entertainer at Manhattan's famed Rainbow Room and the elegant Essex House. A Gershwin enthusiast, he has recorded two CDs devoted to unique arrangements of Gershwin's music.

Proceeds from this year's Beacon event will provide services and wish list items for the Lighthouse New Beginnings residential program, which serves girls who have been neglected and abused. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.lys.org or call Natalie Schwab at 513-487-7109.

The Annual Report for the 2010 fiscal year can soon be found online at www.lys.org.

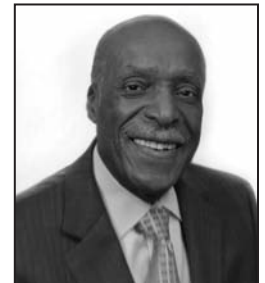
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Dr. David & Rebecca Barron



The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones

Beacon Benefits Lighthouse New Beginnings

Lighthouse New Beginnings is a therapeutic, community-based residential program for teenage girls, ages 11-18, who have been unsuccessful in other out-of-home placements, such as foster care. Typically, the girls are victims of physical and sexual abuse. Many suffer from emotional and mental health problems; most are years behind where they should be in school. To help these teens cope and handle their challenges, Lighthouse uses a team

approach, which may incorporate a psychiatrist, social workers and well-trained staff members.

Beacon of Light humanitarians Dr. David & Rebecca Barron have been longtime advocates for and supporters of New Beginnings. We are pleased to use this year's Beacon proceeds to provide important services and wish-list items for New Beginnings residents.

Kids Fashion Show & Luncheon benefits Lighthouse Help Me Grow



MG and Keegan Sheanshang

“Step into Spring,” a morning of spring fashion and finery took place on March 11, 2011, at Kenwood Country Club. Sponsored by Creative Tots, Madeira, the day featured fashions by Castle House, modeled by tots, and The Wardrobe, modeled by teens who had

graduated from Creative Tots. Many of Cincinnati’s finest retailers also participated in the event. The boutiques and raffle prizes were dazzling.

Event proceeds supported the Lighthouse Help Me Grow Program. Help Me Grow provides support and service coordination for parents of children ages pre-natal to three with a suspected developmental delay and for first time parents living at or below 200% of poverty level. In addition to raising dollars, the parents of Creative Tots donated diapers and other in-kind items to the program, which were matched by the owners of Creative Tots.

Creative Tots specializes in the education of toddlers and pre-school age children. Tot parents Allison Kahn and Allison Kropp co-chaired the event. Their committee included Lynn Carson, Monica Lindberg, Shannon Miller, Kristie Sheanshang and Manda Thornton.

A special thanks to Creative Tots, Madeira, as well as to the parents, sponsors, participants and other donors for their generous support.

Lighthouse Invests in Staff

At Lighthouse Youth Services, people are our most important asset. For many years, Lighthouse has had a policy of reimbursing full-time staff up to \$3,000 a year to assist in completing a Bachelor or Master degree in social work, counseling, education, criminal

justice or a related field. Most recipients attend college part-time in the evening while working full-time.

In 2010, Lighthouse granted tuition reimbursement assistance to every staff member who requested it. A total of \$75,000 was distributed among 28 staff, representing the largest number of participants and dollar amount in our history. Because this benefit encourages career and staff development, we are pleased that we can offer this opportunity to our staff.

In addition, Lighthouse provides ongoing in-house trainings in core competency areas and opportunities for staff to attend conferences and workshops in their fields. This investment in staff helps Lighthouse achieve its mission.

Make a difference in our community with a Planned Gift

By including Lighthouse in your estate plans, you give young people brighter futures. The development staff is pleased to help you explore planned giving opportunities. Contact Natalie Schwab at 513-487-7109 or email nschwab@lys.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Lighthouse Cooks

Few things bring comfort like a home-cooked meal. Good food provides more than just nourishment for the youth we serve; it shows them that volunteers throughout the community are invested in their well-being. Lighthouse is fortunate to have a devoted team of cooks who ensure our youth are cared for year-round.

CARE-ing Cooks Bring Comfort to Homeless Young Adults

The homeless youth served by Anthony House have come to recognize the dedicated volunteers who arrive Monday to Friday with hot meals and friendly smiles. Before the CARE-ing Cooks team began bringing daily meals to the drop-in center, clients ate a repetitive fare of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Now, clients look forward to favorite meals, and the nutritious food makes Anthony House feel a bit more like a home.

Community Groups Step Forward to Care for Teens in Crisis

Students from high schools around the city are stepping into the kitchen to show support for their fellow teens. Walnut Hills High School juniors Elizabeth Sukin and Jane Corwin created a club called "Cooking for Kids," which provides healthy meals to the Youth Crisis Center every week. The student senate at Colerain High School has also come together to support its peers, and it provides a meal for the Youth Crisis Center once a month.

Some of our most faithful community support comes from our neighbors at Clifton's Immanuel Presbyterian Church, who have been cooking for the Youth Crisis Center for over a year. Every Saturday, volunteers from Immanuel Presbyterian deliver a hot meal and a bounty of brown-bag lunches to the youth at the Crisis Center. The clients and staff appreciate knowing that the community cares about them.



Aline Simon, cook extraordinaire, with her son Larry Eisenberg, at the 2010 Beacon

Accomplished Cook Uses Talents to Aid Fundraising Efforts

For the past 14 years, Beacon Committee member Aline Simon has used her considerable culinary talents to plan the menu for the gala. Known for her famous brownies, Aline taught herself to cook when she got married, and her cooking has since developed a reputation with friends and grandchildren alike. Aline's superior sense of which flavors and colors complement each other ensures that Lighthouse supporters are treated to a remarkable meal at each annual Beacon of Light gala.

Mickey's Camp Is Coming to Cincinnati



Ten years ago, Indianapolis businessman Mickey Mauer made his dream come true when he created Mickey's Camp, a luxury camp experience for men. Since that time, men's camp has been sold-out every year in Indiana, and is ready to begin opening nationwide!

This fall, Greater Cincinnati will host the first Mickey's Camp outside of Indiana. Camp will be held September 7 – 9, 2011, at Camp Kern. Designed to benefit local not-for-profits, the cost to attend is mostly tax-deductible. First year beneficiaries are Lighthouse Youth Services, the Jewish Community Center, the Anthony Muñoz Foundation, Camp Kern/YMCA of Dayton, and charities of a donor's choice.

To learn more about this exciting camp experience—including sessions led by experts in areas such as golf, gourmet cooking, poker, canoeing, billiards and so much more – visit www.mickeyscamp.org or contact Natalie Schwab (513-487-7109; nschwab@lys.org).

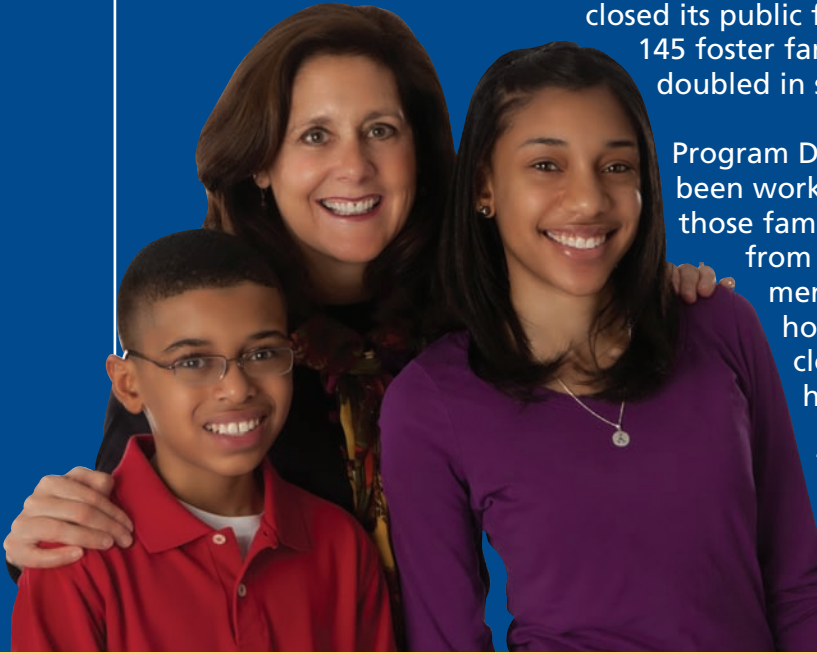
Open Your Heart Open Your Home

Lighthouse Youth Services Foster Care has stepped up and accepted 75 new foster families since Hamilton County Job and Family Services closed its public foster care program in September 2010. Now serving 145 foster families and 178 children, the program has nearly doubled in size.

Program Director Jami Clarke and the Foster Care staff have been working hard to make a fast and smooth transition for those families who are new and those who have transferred from Hamilton County Job and Family Services. A recruitment initiative began on January 24, 2011, with an open house. "Open Your Heart, Open Your Home" seeks to close the gap between the need for qualified foster homes and the number of youth needing placement.

The program is committed to providing excellent, supportive services for children and foster families alike.

For more information, call Darla Urban at 513-487-7135.



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