Dear Friend,

Thank you for making 2017 a remarkable year for Lighthouse Youth & Family Services. Because of you, our community is closer to ending youth homelessness. A crucial component of the plan, the new Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth, is now open. This means more emergency shelter, more housing, and more help for young people working to become self-sufficient. The center’s doors opened just as we reached the successful conclusion of our “A Place to Call Home” fundraising campaign supporting its construction and operation. Lighthouse raised $24.9 million dollars - 100% of its goal! Thank you! We now look forward to taking the next steps in our plan to help every young person have a place to call home.

We hope you’ll enjoy reflecting on the many other ways we’ve made a difference together as you review our 2017 Impact Report. The year ahead presents wonderful new opportunities and challenges, including opening the Lighthouse Emergency Placement Services Center. Together, we will continue to meet the needs of children and families in our community.

We are deeply grateful for your trust in Lighthouse.

Lisa O’Brien
Board Chair

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Laila is a young mother who needed help learning how to take care of herself and her daughter. As a foster youth, she didn’t have a lot of support as she transitioned to adulthood. Through Lighthouse Youth Housing Opportunities, Laila lived in a safe, furnished apartment while mastering essential life skills and attending the University of Cincinnati. She was also involved in UC’s Higher Education Mentoring Initiative (HEMI), a project providing Hamilton County foster youth with a long-term academic mentor through high school and college. She worked part-time for HEMI as well. During this time, Laila received scholarships, got her driver’s license, and bought a car with money in her independent savings account. She also had an aftercare account that provided a more than $5,000 nest egg for her and her daughter. Laila’s inner strength and hard work propelled her success, but the safety net you helped Lighthouse provide made all the difference.

Brady went into foster care when he was only three years old. He had a difficult time and after living in six different placements and seeing at least one potential adoption fail, he felt anxious and wondered if he would ever feel safe. But seven proved to be Brady’s lucky number. He was placed with a Lighthouse foster family with whom he had an immediate connection. Within a few weeks, Brady was beginning to thrive. A supportive team, including Lighthouse staff, worked with him and consistently checked in to see how things were going. His foster parents adopted him less than a year later. Brady was finally home.

Without you, Lighthouse couldn’t give children like Brady the chance to live in stable homes with caring adults. You’re making a lifetime of difference.
More than 100 people attended ceremonies in December marking the opening of the new Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth, including donors, financing partners, government officials, and community stakeholders who supported the project. The $20 million complex in Walnut Hills houses 36 individual shelter bedrooms for youth ages 18-24, 39 apartments, and a day resource center. The building is named for Rhonda and Larry Sheakley, long-time Lighthouse supporters who made a significant leadership contribution to the fundraising campaign.

Mecum House provides a safe haven for youth ages 10-17 who are physically or sexually abused, neglected, or for some other reason believe they can’t safely be in their own homes. Mecum House (formerly known as the Youth Crisis Center) has moved to the site of the prior Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth. The building is named for retired Lighthouse President and CEO Bob Mecum. The doors are always open and no youth is ever turned away.
KEYS TO A FUTURE WITHOUT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Lighthouse is the lead agency on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), an effort to help communities come up with new and innovative ways to eliminate youth homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded $3.8 million for this initiative to Strategies to End Homelessness in partnership with Lighthouse Youth & Family Services in January 2017. Youth who experienced homelessness, including members of the Lighthouse Youth Advisory Council, were at the center of a planning process that involved many community partners like Hamilton County Job and Family Services and Cincinnati Public Schools. HUD approved the resulting plan, KEYS to a Future Without Youth Homelessness, in January. You can read the entire plan on our website, www.lys.org.

SAFE AND SUPPORTED PROJECT

Lighthouse’s Safe and Supported project is implementing strategies to make sure Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth have the housing, resources, and connections to thrive. One of those strategies is host homes, a program offering support and access to resources to help young adults achieve their goals. In the Host Home program, LGBTQ young adults are matched with volunteers who provide housing, food, and mentorship for up to a year. Another key strategy is cultural competency training for youth-serving organizations, so wherever LGBTQ youth go, they feel welcomed and affirmed.
2017 AT A GLANCE

You made it possible for Lighthouse to serve 6,000 children, youth & families.

You encouraged Lighthouse families who adopted 35 children.

You helped 8 Students Graduate from Lighthouse Community School.

You provided 176 meals for youth in our emergency shelters.

You brightened the holidays for 2,000 Lighthouse children and families through our annual gift drive.

Lighthouse awarded Impact 100 grant to build agricultural learning center, enabling the expansion of the urban agriculture program at Lighthouse Community School.

Amazon donated $15,000 worth of holiday gifts and essential need items, part of its Miles for Smiles campaign.
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2017 FINANCIALS

REVENUE BY SOURCE

- Contributions: $4,368,043
- Government Grants: $7,318,717
- Medicaid: $6,058,155
- Per Diems: $13,963,570
- Other: $1,129,015

Total Revenue: $32,837,500

ASSETS

- Current Assets: $9,077,745
- Property & Equipment: $15,021,629
- Investments: $9,963,063
- Other Assets: $5,922,278

Total Assets: $39,984,715

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

- Current Liabilities: $2,466,277
- Long Term Liabilities: $2,723,571

Total Liabilities: $5,189,848

Net Assets: $34,794,867

Total Liabilities and Net Assets: $39,984,715
**EXPENSES BY FUNCTION**

- Salaries & Benefits: $18,644,698
- Professional Fees: $1,880,455
- Occupancy, Eq, & Supplies: $2,828,628
- Travel & Meetings: $919,432
- Individual Assistance: $1,825,518
- Foster Parent Stipends: $3,134,482

**Total:** $29,233,213

**EXPENSES BY SERVICE LINE**

- Clinical Services: $4,668,939
- Children Youth & Family Services: $13,847,765
- Juvenile Justice Services: $6,221,862
- Administrative Services: $4,109,549
- Fundraising Services: $385,098

**Total:** $29,233,213
GIFTS OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Lighthouse offers volunteer opportunities for individuals and companies looking for dynamic ways to give back. Learn how you can deepen your connection to your community with Lighthouse’s impactful volunteer engagements.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Tessa Barnhard at (513) 487-7122 or tbarnhard@lys.org to find the volunteer option right for you.

LIGHTHOUSE HAS BEEN WORKING TO ADVANCE THE DIGNITY AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN NEED FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS.

With your help, we can continue to ensure future generations have a place to call home and access to the best services when and where they need it. By making a planned gift, you contribute to Lighthouse’s sustainability as we work to meet the ever-changing needs of our communities.

Your gift will create a legacy for today’s children and tomorrow’s leaders. It may also have a number of practical benefits. Planned gifts can offer substantial tax savings, help part of an estate avoid probate proceedings, and maximize a gift while minimizing impact.

Contact Vice President, Developments & Grants Jessica Wabler at (513) 487-7101 or jwabler@lys.org with any questions or for more information about giving opportunities.

For a complete list of donors in fiscal year 2017, please go to www.lys.org.

Stay in touch! Like Lighthouse on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.
MISSION
To advance the dignity and well-being of children, youth, and families in need

VISION
To end youth homelessness in Cincinnati by 2020

VALUES

*Integrity:* We do what we say we will do.

*Diversity:* Our differences strengthen us.

*Excellence:* We challenge ourselves to do our best.

*Adaptability:* We meet the changing needs of our community.

*Family:* We support families for healthy children and a strong community.

*Optimism:* Everyone has the capacity to grow and to contribute to the community.

*Respect:* We treat everyone with respect.
SAVE THE DATE

Fall Event
September 13, 2018

Happy Holidays Gift Drive
November-December 2018

Beacon of Light Humanitarian Awards Gala
April 13, 2019

For more information about Lighthouse events, please contact Assistant Development Director Lauren Frooman, lfrooman@lys.org or 513-487-7154, or go to www.lys.org.