

## **2016 IMPACT REPORT**

Dear Friends,

2016 was a year of both transformational change and sustaining success at Lighthouse. We celebrated 30 years of positive outcomes in juvenile justice at Paint Creek. We broke ground on our new \$19 million capital investment – our new Sheakley Center for Youth - a truly innovative project providing shelter, affordable housing, and clinical staff offices in a renovated historical property. A coordinated industry effort led to the successful passage of Foster Care to 21 in Ohio, providing youth with access to basic services during a period in their lives where stability is essential. And we finalized the succession plan of our leader Bob Mecum who retired after 40 years of dedicated service. The transition of leadership has been seamless, and we thank all of you for your support.

It is an exciting time at Lighthouse. We have several regulatory changes occurring in 2017, a massive systems upgrade to implement an electronic health record, and the completion of our new Sheakley Center for Youth on the horizon. We will meet these challenges and move closer toward our Vision to End Youth Homelessness in Cincinnati by 2020. We deeply appreciate our donors, volunteers, and community partners who walk with us as we fulfill our mission: to advance the dignity and well-being of children, youth and families in need.





Richard Haffey Board Chair

Paul Haffner President and CEO

# **MISSION**

To advance the dignity and well-being of children, youth and families in need

# VISION

To end youth homelessness in Cincinnati by 2020

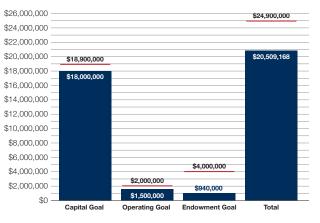
# THE VISION Ending Youth Homelessness in Cincinnati by 2020

With your help, by 2020, any young person alone and on the streets of Cincinnati will have shelter; and any youth in shelter in Cincinnati will be able to leave that shelter with a plan for self-sufficiency and the support to provide the youth with a safe place to live.

## **STRATEGIES TO PREVENT AND END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS** - RELIABLE AND VALID SCREENING EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS - INDIVIDUALIZED INTERVENTIONS OUTREACH TO HOMELESS YOUTH

### **NEW SHEAKLEY CENTER FOR YOUTH**

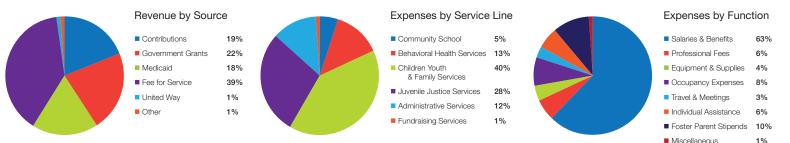
The centerpiece of this initiative is a new housing and service complex under construction in Walnut Hills. There will be 36 individual shelter bedrooms, 39 apartments, a resource center, and health care facilities. Construction is expected to be completed in December 2017.





# **FUNDRAISING AND FINANCE**

Lighthouse managed an approximate \$32,200,000 operating budget in 2016. Below is a breakdown of revenue and expenses by category.



### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**



### Cathy Goold

Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer



Judy Oakman Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



Jayson Pratt Vice President and Chief **Operating Officer** 



Geoff Hollenbach

Vice President of Children. Youth and Family Services



Nathan Lynch

Vice President of Juvenile Justice Services



### Jodi Harding

Vice President of Clinical Services

# **BY THE NUMBERS**

Served **6**, **000** children, youth and families in need

800

Volunteers



from Lighthouse Community School

# **30 Years**

of service to youth at Lighthouse Youth Center at Paint Creek





## **SHEAKLEY CENTER FOR YOUTH**

Young people who move into stable housing upon exiting the Sheakley Center:

# **84**%

Average length of stay: **35 Days** 

**5 Students Graduated** 



# **PROVIDING HOPE**

## Annie\*

"I was 18, alone and on the streets. Soon after becoming homeless, I was forced into sex trafficking to survive. I was addicted to heroin and crack, and got involved in an abusive relationship. When I was ready to escape, I found a Lighthouse street outreach worker. The worker helped me and brought me to the Sheakley Center. I got help with my addictions and other problems plus plenty of support. After a few months, I was learning how to take care of myself."

### Quran

"When I was 7 years old, Children's Services stepped in to protect me from abuse and neglect in my home. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to safely return to my family. When I was 16, I entered the Lighthouse Independent Living program. I learned my skills to help me prepare for life on my own once I turned 18, including household budgeting and financial literacy. It hasn't been easy, but I now live in an apartment of my own, have a full time job and am enrolled in college."

### **Evan**

"I was in seven foster homes in six years. The first one was when I was three years old. Then I came to stay with the Peters. It was hard to trust them at first, but I felt comfortable with them fast. Then I got to do all kinds of things I'd never done. We went camping, had cookouts and played sports. They helped me so much. One day they told me they were going to adopt me. I couldn't believe it. I'd almost been adopted once before. But it was true, they adopted me. Now I know what it feels like to have a family."



# **YOUR SUPPORT**

## **YOUR DONATIONS ARE PROVIDING:**

A child with a safe place to sleep Life skills training for a homeless teen Supplies for Street Outreach

Volunteers are an integral part of Lighthouse. Your energy, commitment and dedication help make the difference for children, youth and families in need. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Elissa Veite to find the volunteer option right for you. (513) 487-7122 or <u>eveite@lys.org</u>.

Lighthouse is extremely grateful for all our donors and volunteers. You are helping improve the lives of children and families. Thank you for your support!

For a complete list of donors in fiscal year 2016, please go to www.lys.org.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Your tax-deductible donation is welcome, and may be sent directly to:

### **Lighthouse Youth Services**

Attention Development Department 401 East McMillan Cincinnati, OH 45206

### Online

For immediate or sustaining donations, go to **www.lys.org** 

Contact Development Director Jessica Wabler with any questions or for more information about giving opportunities. (513) 487-7101 or jwabler@lys.org.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Beacon of Light Humanitarian Awards Gala April 29, 2017

Fall Event September 28, 2017

### Happy Holidays Gift Drive

November-December 2017

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

