



# FISCAL YEAR 2019 IMPACT REPORT



# MISSION

Empower young people and families to succeed through a continuum of care that promotes healing and growth

# VISION

To be the leader in creating a community where every young person has the opportunity to thrive



# 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 contribute to the community.

## RESPECT

We treat everyone with respect.

1969

Lighthouse founded in Cincinnati as New Life for Girls. The nonprofit opened Ohio's first group home for girls.

1974

Lighthouse Runaway Shelter opened. Known today as Mecum House, it's Cincinnati's first and only teen shelter.

Dear Friend,

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of Lighthouse. And while this report covers our 2019 fiscal year, it's critical to connect the work of the past year with the founding spirit of the organization.

In 1969, a group led by members of the Baptist Women's Fellowship founded the first program of what would become Lighthouse. Why? They wanted to help create better futures for young people. So, after learning that many girls returning from youth detention centers had no place to call home, they opened the first group home in Cincinnati, leveraging the support of many civic leaders.

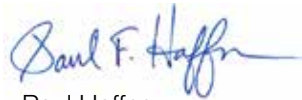
Much has changed over the past 50 years in terms of the size, scope, and impact of Lighthouse, and yet so much has remained the same. The values and vision that led to the establishment of that first program remain the same today. Together, we are creating a community where every young person has the opportunity to thrive. As you turn these pages, you'll walk through history reading stories of healing and growth, along with highlights of the past year.

Thank you so much for being a part of Lighthouse. Your support of our work is needed now more than ever. We look forward to accomplishing much more together and sharing the results with you.

Sincerely,



Stephen Peterson  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*



Paul Haffner  
*President and CEO*



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**1978**

The Youth Development Center opened in Cincinnati. Originally a group home, the Youth Development Center now provides residential treatment for boys.

**1979**

Lighthouse began offering foster care services.

# 165

CHILDREN  
FEEL THE  
LOVE OF A  
LIGHTHOUSE  
FOSTER  
FAMILY  
EACH DAY



EARLY  
INTERVENTION  
HELPED

# 1246

INFANTS AND  
TODDLERS



# 468

STUDENTS  
BENEFITED  
FROM  
SCHOOL-BASED  
SERVICES



LIGHTHOUSE  
PROVIDED

# 18,507

SAFE NIGHTS  
TO YOUNG  
PEOPLE AGES

# 10-24



**1980**

Lighthouse begins its Independent Living Program for youth aging out of the child welfare system. Young people are provided with a furnished apartment while learning life skills.

**1986**

Lighthouse opened Ohio's first private corrections facility for youth. The program at Lighthouse Youth Center at Paint Creek is based on positive peer culture. There are no bars, fences or guards on the campus in Bainbridge, Ohio.

Tony was 15 years old when he ran away to escape his abusive father. He came to Lighthouse's Mecum House, a safe place for young people who don't feel safe in their homes. The doors are always open and the help offered is free and confidential. While working with Tony to figure out the best way to help him, his case manager realized how intelligent and determined Tony was. Soon, he was enrolled in high school, participating in extracurricular activities, and working part-time. Several weeks later, Tony moved to a loving Lighthouse foster home where he thrived. Today, he is attending college. Tony is only one of the young people you are helping grow and contribute to our communities.



## TONY'S STORY



## TABEA'S STORY

Not long ago, Tabea felt helpless. You're the reason she's found hope. The 21-year-old was sick, had lost her job, and was homeless. She says she and her girlfriend almost froze to death in the Colorado winter while looking for a place to stay. They constantly worried about their safety. Eventually, someone gave them bus tickets and they headed for Cincinnati. Thirty hours later, they arrived at the Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth. Tabea remembered hearing about the kindness and open-mindedness at Lighthouse during her travels. And she says she knew they'd be safe. Today, Tabea and her partner are well on their way to standing on their own. Both are working with a case manager on the best ways to achieve their goals and receiving the support they need.

**1989**

Agency name changed to New Life Youth Services.

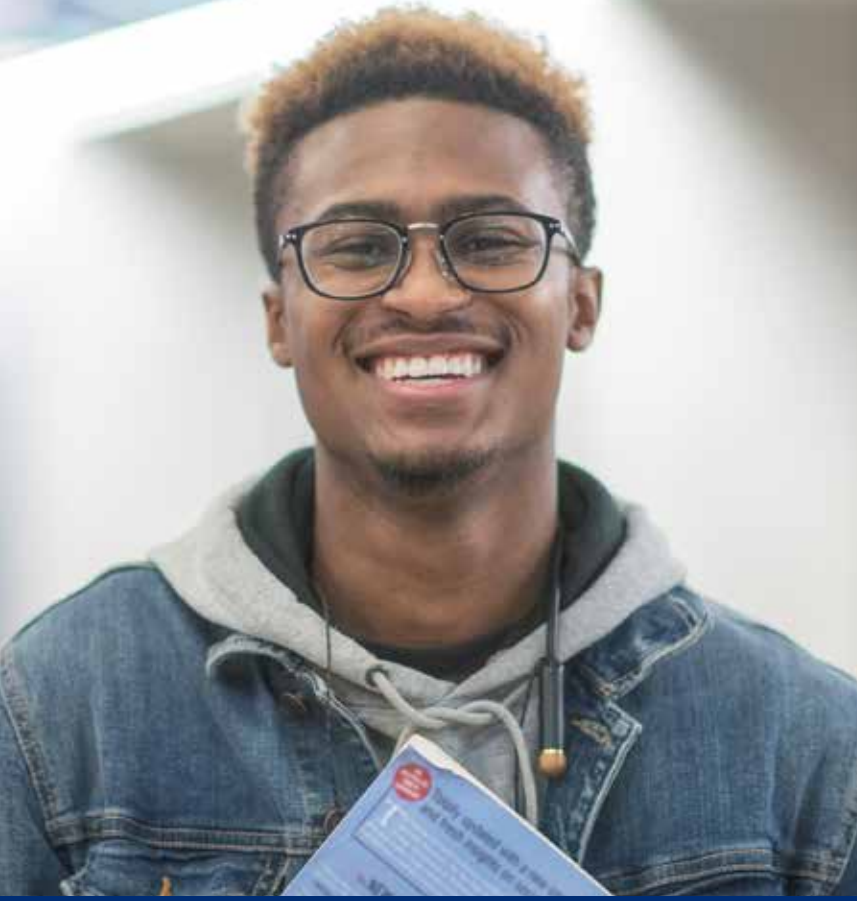
**1994**

Agency name changed to Lighthouse Youth Services.

**1996**

Lighthouse opened Montgomery County Community Juvenile Justice Services in Dayton, Ohio, offering reentry and youth counseling services.

# DAE'TWAN'S STORY



Dae'Twan is grateful you invested in his future. The 20-year-old college student knows his life could have gone in a very different direction if not for Lighthouse. A juvenile court judge sent him to Lighthouse Youth Center at Paint Creek after he was sentenced to a detention center. That's when Dae'Twan decided to turn his obstacle into an opportunity. At Paint Creek, he listened and took advantage of every opportunity to heal and learn. Soon, he was setting an example for the other boys there. Today, he's in Lighthouse's Independent Living Program while also getting support from Lighthouse Juvenile Justice Reentry experts as he works toward becoming a responsible adult. Winning a college scholarship is on a growing list of his accomplishments. Dae'Twan says unexpected obstacles have challenged his resiliency, but he overcomes them, thanks to what he has learned at Lighthouse.

2000

Lighthouse Community School opened in Madisonville, serving students in the child welfare system in Hamilton County.

2002

Lighthouse began providing Early Intervention Services in Hamilton County for infants and toddlers ages 0-3 experiencing or at risk of developmental delays or disabilities.

# GET INVOLVED

## DONATE

Make a meal for residents at one of our shelters or donate toiletries, cleaning supplies, art supplies, or diapers. These items are only a few of the things needed and go a long way to help.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS GIFT DRIVE

Be a part of this annual gift drive and deliver joy during the holiday season. You'll help create a happy memory during an otherwise difficult time for a child or young adult.



## MONTHLY GIVING

Become a ChangeMaker by investing in helping young people and families heal from trauma through a monthly donation.



## VOLUNTEER

No matter what your interests or passions, there's an opportunity perfect for you.



Daytime, evening, and weekend opportunities are available for those 18 and older.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Support children and families in need through volunteering, fundraising, and advocacy in an atmosphere that promotes social connections and professional networking.



## INVEST IN THE NEXT 50 YEARS

Your contribution to The Next 50 Years Endowment Campaign will support the well-being of young people and families in need now and forever. Invest today or after your lifetime. You will help build a stronger community.



2003

Lighthouse began its Youth Outreach Program in Cincinnati. It included outreach workers connecting with homeless youth and a daytime drop-in center called Anthony House.

2005

Transitional Living Program for young adults with mental health issues began, following the success of our Independent Living Program.

# EXPENSES

**\$18,325,874**

Salaries & Benefits

**\$4,225,288**

Occupancy, Eq. and Supplies

**\$2,300,794**

Foster Parent Stipends

**\$1,912,232**

Individual Assistance

**\$1,305,359**

Professional Fees

**\$780,128**

Travel and Meetings

BY FUNCTION

**\$10,758,096**

Clinical Services

**\$8,396,244**

Juvenile Justice Services/Residential Treatment

**\$5,270,495**

Homeless Youth Services

**\$4,004,951**

Management/General

**\$449,889**

Fundraising

BY SERVICE LINE

**TOTAL EXPENSES - \$28,879,675**

**2006**

Lighthouse began its reentry program in Hamilton County for youth returning from juvenile corrections facilities.

**2012**

Lighthouse on Highland, a shelter for homeless youth ages 18-24, opened in Corryville. The daytime drop-in services located at Anthony House relocated there. The building was renamed the Sheakley Center for Youth shortly after it opened.



# REVENUE

**\$11,303,787**

City/County Funds

**\$5,302,996**

Medicaid

**\$4,884,957**

Federal Funds

**\$3,718,898**

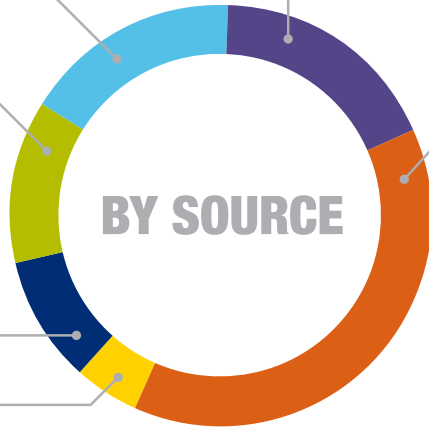
State Funds

**\$2,818,395**

Contributions

**\$1,448,884**

Other



**TOTAL REVENUE**

**\$29,477,917**

# ASSETS

Property and Equipment

**\$18,093,152**

Investments

**\$12,169,875**

Current Assets

**\$8,783,893**

Other Assets

**\$10,840,929**

Total Assets

**\$49,887,849**

# LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

**\$2,304,924**

Long Term Liabilities

**\$10,882,420**

Total Liabilities

**\$13,187,344**

Net Assets

**\$36,700,505**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

**\$49,887,849**

**2014**

Lighthouse Youth Advisory Council formed. Members share what they've been through to raise awareness about youth homelessness and help young people experiencing homelessness.

**2015**

Lighthouse (Foster Care & Adoption) was the first agency in Ohio to be designated a "Leader in Supporting and Serving LGBT Families and Youth" by the Human Rights Campaign's All Children-All Families project.

# LEADERSHIP TEAM



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Chief Executive Officer*



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of Clinical Services*

**2017**

Agency name changed to Lighthouse Youth & Family Services.

**2018**

The new Sheakley Center for Youth opened in Walnut Hills, housing 36 individual shelter bedrooms, a day resource center, and 39 apartments.

**2018**

Integrated Access Center opened in Cincinnati, offering same-day services with clinicians on the Lighthouse mental health assessment team.

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**In 2019, Lighthouse turned 50 years old. That is only possible because of the dedication, compassion, and support Lighthouse receives from you. Thank you for your commitment to Lighthouse for the past half century. Together we are creating a stronger community every day.**

**THANK YOU!**

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