



LIGHTHOUSE VIEWS

*Together we're creating
a community where
every young person has
the opportunity to thrive.*

SPRING 2024



SEE YOUR IMPACT FIRST HAND

Join us for a free Inside Lighthouse event! You'll talk with Lighthouse staff caring for young people facing some of life's most difficult challenges. The events in April, May, September, and November include tours.

**** VIRTUAL OPTION**

Interested in attending an Inside Lighthouse event?

Please contact Caroline Phelps at cphelps@lys.org or 513-475-6026 for more information.

APRIL 23 Mecum House emergency shelter for youth ages 10-17 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	MAY 10 Lighthouse Youth Center at Paint Creek residential treatment 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	AUGUST 15 Outpatient Services mental & behavioral health services NOON - 1:30 PM**
SEPTEMBER 17 Shelter & Housing for Homeless Young Adults 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	OCTOBER 7 Community Juvenile Justice Services NOON - 1:30 PM**	NOVEMBER 14 Residential Treatment Cincinnati NOON - 1:30 PM

JOIN US FOR FUN FUNDRAISERS!



Friday, May 31, 2024 | Elks Run Golf Club

This is one **celebrity golf outing** you don't want to miss! Join us on **Friday, May 31**, for Chip in for Charity! It's a day dedicated to supporting Lighthouse. A women-only 9-hole scramble, 18 holes of golf, games, contests, prizes, delicious food, and cold drinks add up to a hole in one! Cifc513.com



Beer For Humans Pint Night

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 | Rhinegeist Brewery, 1910 Elm St.

Sip for a cause! Each month, Rhinegeist Brewery highlights four local non-profit organizations that are brewing positive change in our community. On Wednesday, June 26 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., you'll receive a token with each pint purchase. Use your token to vote for your non-profit of choice (Lighthouse!). At the end of June, Lighthouse will receive a donation based upon the number of votes and a bonus if we have the most votes. So, bring your friends, grab a pint, and vote for Lighthouse!

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A NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

20th Century Theater

Join the celebration of the 2024 Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award honorees! Yvette Simpson, Dr. Jeannette Taylor, and the Greater Cincinnati Foundation are leaders who positively impact young people and families in our community.

BEACON OF LIGHT HUMANITARIAN AWARD HONOREES



Yvette Simpson



Dr. Jeannette Taylor



**Greater Cincinnati
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You'll enjoy custom food stations by Jeff Thomas Catering, an open bar, dessert, silent auction, and much more.

Dapper casual or 1920s Hollywood glamour
Complimentary Valet Parking

EVENT CHAIRS: PETER AND MICHELLE BARRETT



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For more information, please contact Special Events Coordinator Nataly Wickham. Nataly can be reached by phone at 513-487-6775 or by email at nwickham@lys.org.

Helping Young People Thrive Fiscal Year 2023



Lighthouse foster parents
cared for **230** children.



837 young people received
outpatient mental health services.



Mecum House welcomed **419**
10-17 year olds seeking safety.



Youth Housing Opportunities
supported **376** young adults in
their efforts to achieve
independence.



67 youth were nurtured at
Lighthouse's Cincinnati
residential treatment locations.



290 young adults found
shelter and services at the
Sheakley Center for Youth.

“LIGHTHOUSE MADE ME WHO I AM TODAY.”

“I was 13 years old when I entered the child welfare system and found myself at Lighthouse’s Mecum House. From there, I moved to the Lighthouse Youth Development Center (YDC), a residential treatment home for boys. YDC was my home for three years. The staff were mother figures to me, and when I got into some trouble, they didn’t give up on me. I did well at YDC, and when I was 17, I joined the Lighthouse Independent Living Program, an opportunity for youth aging out of the child welfare system to learn to live independently. I moved into a furnished apartment and received the support I needed to prepare for my future as an adult. Today, I have a full-time job and am doing well on my own. Lighthouse helped me every step of the way, and I appreciate that they were always there for me.”

– Alan



“I’M GRATEFUL LIGHTHOUSE WAS THERE FOR ME.”

“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 became involved in an abusive relationship—the latest episode in a long history of physical and emotional abuse. When I finally decided to escape, I found a Lighthouse Street Outreach worker. The worker helped me and took me to the Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth. There, the staff worked immediately to get me treatment for substance abuse and other services and support I needed to recover and become independent.”

– Annie

THANK YOU!



**CHARLES H. DATER
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Enriching Young Lives

The Charles H. Dater Foundation awarded a grant of \$40,000 to support the operations of the Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth.

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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The L&L Nippert Charitable Foundation awarded Lighthouse a \$25,000 grant to support the operations of the Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth.



The Scripps Howard Fund awarded Lighthouse a \$10,000 grant to support the operations of the Sheakley Center for Youth.

JWC



The JWC of Wyoming awarded Lighthouse \$1,139.99 to purchase an in-ground basketball hoop for the outdoor space at Mecum House.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for making the 2023 Fall Event a huge success! The beautiful Anderson Township home of Joe and Lorraine Mayernik was the perfect setting on a beautiful September afternoon to enjoy a delicious lunch and shopping with friends. Thank you to WCPO anchor Tanya O'Rourke for serving as emcee, and much appreciation to event chair Lindsey Levental, the Fall Event Committee, and the restaurants, caterers, retailers, and businesses that made this wonderful afternoon possible.



Lighthouse President & CEO Paul Haffner and WCPO anchor Tanya O'Rourke



Julie Desai and Kate Bennett



Erin Satterwhite, Justin Hucke, and Amy Fitzgibbons



Fall Event Chair Lindsey Levental and Board Member Allison Kahn



Irina Kolek, Catharine Toltzis, Carolyn Murray, and Ellen Feld



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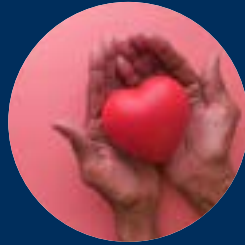
DONATE A SHELTER MEAL

A delicious meal does more than satisfy the hunger of a young person escaping homelessness. It reminds them someone cares and wants to help them. Meals can be prepared and served at the shelter, made at home and dropped off, or ordered and delivered! Ready to provide a meal and help a shelter feel a little more like home?



LEAVE A LEGACY

With a little planning, you can include a gift to Lighthouse within your overall estate or financial plans that furthers your own goals and provides you with tax benefits. When you make a planned gift to Lighthouse, you leave a legacy – one that will change the lives of young people forever.



DONATE ETHNIC HAIR CARE PRODUCTS

Having the proper hair care products boosts the self-esteem and well-being of young people in Lighthouse care. Youth will refuse to go to school and engage in other activities when they don’t have access to the grooming products they need. Product suggestions include Shea Moisture, Pattern Beauty, and My Black is Beautiful.



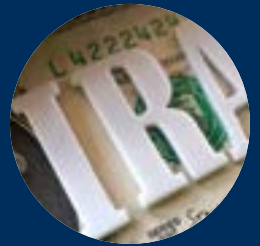
GIFTS OF STOCK

Donating appreciated securities – such as stock or mutual funds – to Lighthouse is a tax-wise approach to helping children and families in need. A donation of appreciated securities maximizes tax savings, and you receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of donated securities. Plus, it’s easier than you think.



DONATE THROUGH YOUR IRA

If you are over the age of 70, please consider using an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution as a tax-wise way to help young people and families in need. You can donate up to \$100,000 each year to Lighthouse, satisfy your annual Required Minimum Distribution (if applicable), and exclude these funds from your taxable income. Contact your tax advisor for more information.



QUESTIONS?

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AND ASK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OR GO TO OUR
WEBSITE, LYS.ORG.**



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THANK YOU FOR MAKING WISHES COME TRUE!



Your support and generosity through the Happy Holidays Gift Drive meant so much to young people in Lighthouse care. You sparked happiness and helped create warm memories.

