

## 40 ways you can be a Lighthouse Volunteer, Supporter, and Friend

### At Lighthouse:

- Cook a delicious meal or bake goodies for one of the group homes or homeless shelters
- Make the landscape beautiful by planting flowers or doing other yard work
- Help in our administrative office by assembling information packets or mass mailings
- Participate in vision boarding or craft projects with youth
- Host a game night at a shelter, complete with board games, snacks, and fun
- Teach a group of clients a special skill: make-up application, knitting, painting, job interviewing, cooking, how to play a musical instrument, etc.
- Take a tour of a Lighthouse program or facility
- Organize gifts for youth and families at the Happy Holidays gift drive during the holidays
- Work at the Lighthouse Warehouse to sort and organize donations

### At Home:

- Invest in children by making a donation to Lighthouse Youth & Family Services
- Donate baby supplies, household items, clothes, personal care products, etc.
- Compile a house-warming package for a youth living in his/her own apartment: cleaning products, personal care items, etc.
- Host a birthday party, baby shower, or other event, and request gifts for Lighthouse kids

- Donate gift cards to youth for restaurants, for haircuts, for amusement parks, groceries, etc.
- Buy a roll of bus tokens for a client to get to work or school
- Organize a drive for: books, diapers, baby supplies, bras, personal care products, etc.
- Allow clients the opportunity to attend events and attractions by donating tickets
- Make snack packs intended for our Street Outreach Team with granola bars, water, socks, etc.
- Pack hygiene supplies for homeless youth, including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, etc.
- Donate oral care: toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss
- Fund educational teaching supplies for a Lighthouse teacher
- Donate an age-appropriate magazine subscription to a residential treatment home
- Write your representative to support children and family services
- Sponsor a youth or family during the holidays
- Purchase a YMCA, zoo, or other membership for a youth or foster family
- Sponsor a child's birthday with a \$50 gift card

### In the Community:

- Volunteer at a fundraising event
- Represent Lighthouse at a volunteer fair in your workplace or place of worship
- Tell a friend about your favorite Lighthouse program or invite him/her on a tour
- Be a positive role model as a volunteer or philanthropist
- Invite a Lighthouse representative to speak to your class, club, or group
- Get involved politically by supporting Children's Services
- Introduce yourself and get to know a Lighthouse board member
- Designate your United Way contribution to Lighthouse Youth Services
- Hire a Lighthouse young adult
- Become a Lighthouse foster parent
- Talk to your place of worship or civic group about getting involved with Lighthouse
- Remember that ANYONE can be a Lighthouse advocate by simply spreading the word!

To explore more opportunities, innovate new activities, and find out more information, contact Sarah Elam, Volunteer Coordinator. Reach her by email: [selam@lys.org](mailto:selam@lys.org) or by phone: 513-487-7122

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