

Special Events

Beacon of Light Humanitarian Awards Gala

The Beacon of Light Humanitarian Awards Gala, or “the Beacon,” is an annual event held in the spring. A committee of dedicated and active volunteers, including the event’s chairperson, commit a large amount of time and effort to ensure this fundraiser’s success. Local community philanthropists and activists are nominated and then voted on to receive the Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award. Recipients of the award are chosen for demonstrating leadership and involvement with youth; service and/or philanthropy; and commitment to improving the lives of youth and families. The demographic of the attendees is traditionally men and women aged 40+.

Fall Event

The annual Fall Event takes place in the late summer/early fall during a weekday afternoon. Lighthouse’s development staff work with a committee of volunteers, including the event’s chairperson, to plan this fundraiser. Each year, a different host opens their home; therefore, the event location changes every year. Boutiques set up pop-up shops in the home and donate 20% of that day’s sales to Lighthouse. There are also often silent auction and raffle opportunities to raise additional funds on event day. There is typically a large tent outdoors, under which local caterers and restaurants serve donated lunch-by-the-bite and there is a short program with a guest speaker. The demographic of the 200-250 attendees tends to be females ages 30+. The Fall Event funds are unrestricted.

Happy Holidays Gift Drive

Happy Holidays is Lighthouse’s largest in-kind donation drive of the year. Spanning two weeks in December, this event collects donations from individual donors as well as corporate and other groups to help Lighthouse youth and families during the holidays. We collect gift cards and commonly needed items such as hygiene products, cleaning products, and clothing. Lighthouse’s largest conference room is transformed into “Santa’s Workshop” where we collect and distribute gifts.