



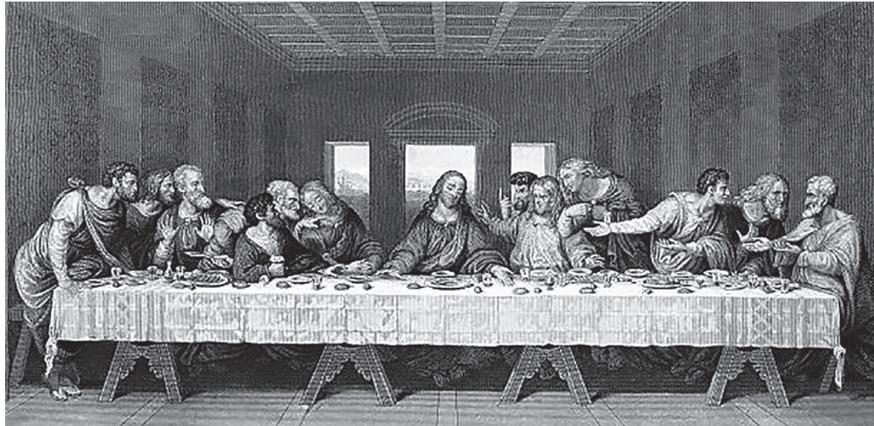
The Lighthouse  
FOUNDATION

*Providing Hope...Changing Lives*

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF A MEAL

I do not believe it is a coincidence that Jesus used a simple thing like a meal during a holiday to gather people for fellowship, talk about events to come, and create memories. He knew the ordinary things could be used to reveal the extraordinary as well as join people together in a unique way.

When you think about the holidays, what do you remember? I remember everyone gathering at my grandparents' house and sharing whatever it was that we had prepared as our favorite dish. We would eat together and enjoy each other's company. When the time came when my grandmother was unable to cook and provide like she used to--and I was unable to contribute to the meal--the rest of the family filled in and provided all we needed for a holiday meal like we had always enjoyed. Years later the church provided my children and me with a holiday basket so we could create our own special memories. What a blessing other people's generosity was to us so that we didn't have to go without.

We know that not everyone has the resources to put food on the table, especially during the holidays when there are extra mouths to feed and the children are home from school for an extended period of time. Did you know that 1 in 7 people that you know suffers from some form of food insecurity? That could be your neighbor, your friend from church, or even a family member. At the holidays this need is compounded by the desire to have something special to share as a holiday meal.

Last year, the food pantry served 750 children during the holidays. Just as important as the children are the elderly and retired population. Through the food pantry, 950 people over age 60 were served. Providing the extra meals over a holiday break for a child who would normally receive free breakfasts and lunches during the week can be overwhelming, especially when the family is trying to also put together a large holiday meal.

On average it costs \$50 to provide a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal to a family of 10, with a few leftovers. Our goal is to not only offer gift cards for the purchase of a ham or turkey, but to also give our recipients extra side dishes to go along with it. To a family in need, sharing a special meal, talking about events to come, and making special memories means everything.



## SUMMER REFLECTIONS FROM TRANSITIONAL LIVING

As summer comes to an end and fall settles in, we'd like to look back at some of the great things that happened this summer in Transitional Living. Summer started off with a picnic hosted by our Resident Manager Amber at Kauffman Drive. Staff and residents from all housing locations got together for a fun time with delicious food, games and tie dying, as well as great conversation and togetherness. A wonderful time was had by all.

We had a successful graduation from our Blanchard House Program. Amy has a good job with steady income and benefits. She moved on to independent living in her own apartment. Joelle got her driver's license and a job she enjoys. Maddie and Tyler are ready to welcome a baby girl any day now. Another resident graduated successfully from Drug Court. Adrian changed jobs and resumed classes at BC3.

As we head into the rest of 2019, we look forward to celebrating all the great things that our residents are working so hard to achieve. It's a true privilege to encourage them to do the things they can accomplish and witness the strides they make toward successful independent living.



## FAITH AND FINANCE CLASS INCLUDES NEW PARTNERSHIP

August kicked off our 5th annual Faith and Finance class; offered in downtown Butler in partnership with Fishbone Ministries. Twelve low-income students will learn to budget and save with biblical stewardship principles, while



growing as a team, developing relationships and navigating resources in the community to reach their goals. This ten-week course offers free childcare, snacks, fellowship and a faith-based curriculum for all students willing to learn God's purpose for their money. Everything is covered from tracking daily expenses to exploring how to repair damaged credit scores. Students are encouraged to start saving money utilizing a percentage matching incentive, while also being offered a free credit seminar during the course. Most importantly students discover how Jesus is reconciling all things—including their money—and how God is using their finances to accomplish His work in the world. We are blessed and honored to have these 12 students and a new co-teacher for this round of Faith and Finance.



## VEHICLE DONATIONS IMPACTED IN 2019

The vehicle donations of Community Auto Low Income Car Ownership (CALICO) have been coming in slower in 2019 than in previous years. A decline in giving by individuals comes after the new tax law, which took effect in 2018, reduced the tax incentives of giving for many households. The law doubled the standard deduction for families to \$24,000. More than 45 million households itemized their tax deductions in 2016, but that number was expected to fall to between 16 million and 20 million in 2018, according to a report by Giving USA. The amount of vehicle donations that we have experienced this year supports the idea that far fewer households will itemize and take deductions for charity since they no longer have a tax incentive to give.

As we strive to finish the fourth quarter strong, please share with your friends and families that their car sitting idle in the driveway can be donated to help get working individuals and families back on the road to self-sufficiency. When Grandma decides to stop driving or she buys a new car, let her know how CALICO will partner with her to help a neighbor in need.

Call 724-538-5081 and talk to a CALICO coordinator. If you decide to donate your vehicle we will come to you, transfer the title for FREE, transport the vehicle back to the garage, and send your tax deduction paperwork to you after the car's final disposition.

Support the mission of Community Auto Low Income Car Ownership (CALICO) by helping individuals and families back to work and on the road to self-sufficiency.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for  
the 4th Annual

### Dine & Dance

*"Hope Grows Here"*  
in memory of  
John Richards IV  
and benefiting "Johnny's Place" Recovery House  
A program of The Lighthouse Foundation

Saturday October 26, 2019  
6:30 - 11:00pm  
\$125 per person  
Tables of 10 available

Wildwood Golf Club  
2195 Sample Road  
Allison Park, PA

Formal Attire  
R.S.V.P. by October 18.

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## Toy Shoppe 2019



You can put a smile on the faces of local children this Christmas. We are now accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0-14.

Not sure what to buy? Donate a gift card and we will do the buying for you!

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For more information on our events, please visit the Events tab of our website at [www.thelighthousepa.org](http://www.thelighthousepa.org) or call 724-586-5554.



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- Food Pantry set-up/clean-up
- Food Pantry Distribution
- Office Assistant
- Property Beautification
- Monthly Cleaning Crew

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