



The Lighthouse  
FOUNDATION

*Providing Hope...Changing Lives*



# ANCHOR

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October 2018

## THANKFULNESS IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY

# FAITH FEAR

*Psalm 56:3*

2018 has been a remarkable year for The Lighthouse Foundation's ministries. We've stepped out in faith in a way that has, at times, been a little scary. But it has been an experience for which we are very grateful. As we faced the challenges that come along with change, a clear theme emerged which has carried us through: we have chosen faith over fear. *When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3.* Taking risks in any aspect of our lives is scary. But it is often by taking the greatest risks that we receive the greatest rewards. Fear can be paralyzing. This year, despite how apprehensive or fearful we may have been (and still are) about starting new ministries and making some changes to our current ministries, we have chosen to step out in faith rather than be paralyzed by fear.

Earlier this year, The Lighthouse Foundation committed to becoming part of the solution to drug and alcohol addiction in our community by opening a transitional sober living house for men in recovery. These men will have a safe place to live for 18-24 months while they work on staying clean and growing closer to God, as they discover their true potential and purpose in life.

In addition, on October 15, 2018, The Lighthouse Foundation opened its newly renovated food pantry and administrative offices. If you had ever visited our building on Cruikshank Road in Middlesex Township, you know that we have been in desperate need of a new facility for many years. We were very fortunate and blessed by Concordia Lutheran Ministries, who donated approximately 8,000 square feet of space to us and added a new parking lot. Each week, approximately 350 families are served by our food pantry. We will finally be moving into a space where we can better meet the needs of our clients, many of whom are elderly and disabled. It is truly an answer to many years of prayer, faithful stewardship of what God has given to us, and a lot of patience.

We are thankful for these opportunities to serve people in their most desperate time of need. We are thankful that we get to see people's lives changed. Those who can't feed their children receive not only food, but love and hope. Those who have been crippled and broken by their addiction are made whole again and restored to their families. Those who thought they were unlovable and unworthy learn that they are infinitely loved by God. Your generosity and gifts make it possible to change lives. We are thankful for every single gift we receive. What are you thankful for this holiday season? As you reflect on all that you are thankful for, please consider sharing your joy by making a donation to The Lighthouse Foundation. It is only through the generosity of donors like you that we are able to help families in need.

We are looking forward to a future where we can continue providing hope and changing the lives of people who need it the most. Thank you for your support!



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# Give Thanks

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*New Building Exterior*



*New Building Interior*

## WELCOME TO THE LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION'S NEW LOCATION!

The executive offices and food pantry have a new place to call home at 116 Browns Hill Road Valencia, Pa 16059. Conveniently located less than a mile south from the East Cruikshank location, the new property boasts of more space and a better layout which will help us serve the increased need in the community more efficiently. The staff and volunteers spent the first two weeks of October packing, moving, unpacking, and organizing to get ready for the October 15th food pantry re-opening. A grand opening event will be announced in the coming weeks to invite donors, businesses, and the community to tour the new facility and meet the staff and volunteers who make it their mission to provide hope and change lives through The Lighthouse Foundation.



*Food Pantry*

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SUCCESS ~ SABRINA



*Transitional Housing*

"The Lighthouse Foundation's Transitional Housing Program saved my life." Sabrina came into the program with her daughter after leaving an unstable living situation. All they brought with them was what they could carry, which wasn't much. She says, "we were lost, alone, and terrified, but by the grace of God we were led to The Lighthouse Foundation." Thanks to furniture donations, Sabrina and her daughter moved into a fully furnished apartment and began their journey in transitional housing. While in the program, Sabrina completed parenting and Faith and Finances classes, obtained her driver's license, purchased a vehicle, and got back on track in her college career. Sabrina moved into more permanent housing upon successfully completing the Transitional Housing program. Sabrina shares, "I was completely broken and hopeless, but I will be leaving a stronger and more confident woman. I am now a much better mother, daughter, employee, and friend. I am thankful for this program and blessed by my time with The Lighthouse Foundation."





## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Education is a vital component in accomplishing the mission of empowering others towards self-sufficiency. Not only are we journeying with people to break the cycle of poverty, but classes also provide an opportunity to minister to people and share the love of Christ with them. The Lighthouse offers a variety of educational opportunities throughout the year to help people in need acquire or maintain gainful employment, manage their finances and make wise financial decisions, face and conquer parenting challenges, and gain basic computer skills to enhance their ability to communicate and contend in the workforce. In 2018, the impact of education has been seen in our client's lives and we are honored to offer those in need hope for a better future through education.

### Faith & Finances

6 graduates were equipped to tackle their financial woes and break the cycle of poverty to walk in financial freedom and stability.

### Jobs for Life

5 graduates will re-enter society with a resume, interview skills, and the greatest opportunity for finding employment upon exiting incarceration.

### Parenting Class

7 graduates were given a faith-based perspective of parenting and are now able to take on the challenges of parenting with biblical wisdom.

### Computer Classes

26 students were given instruction on the subjects of Microsoft Word, Excel, Digital Photography, and Basic Computers.



Parenting Class Graduates



Faith and Finances Graduates

# UPCOMING EVENTS



In 2017, The Lighthouse provided presents for 330 families, including over 630 children. To donate new, unwrapped toys or to volunteer for the event on December 14th and/or December 15th please visit [www.thelighthousepa.org/other-programs](http://www.thelighthousepa.org/other-programs)

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**FOR AUTO RAFFLE**

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**ONE GRAND PRIZE for 2019 GOLF SEASON - \$50 ENTRY**

- Oakmont Country Club - Threesome with Member (Hdcp. Limit: 24)
- Shannopin Country Club - Threesome with Member
- Sewickley Heights Golf Club - Foursome
- Wildwood Golf Club - Foursome
- Hill Crest Country Club - Foursome
- Olde Stonewall Golf Club - Foursome
- Seven Springs Golf Course - Twosome with Overnight Stay & Breakfast

**Drawing to be held on November 30, 2018**

License No. 3475 Special Raffle Permit 18-19 Proceeds to benefit Community Auto LICO Program No. 000

**Drawing Held November 30, 2018**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL

**Dine & Dance**  
In Memory of  
**John Richards IV**  
benefitting The Lighthouse Foundation

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT SUPPORT  
JOHNNY'S PLACE RECOVERY HOUSE

November  
SATURDAY | **3** | 6:30-11:00 PM  
Wildwood Golf Club | 2195 Sample Road  
2018 | Allison Park, PA

\$125 per person  
Tables of 10 available  
Formal Attire

R.S.V.P. no later than October 25, 2018

**Dine and Dance**  
**November 3, 2018**

For more information on these events or to purchase tickets please visit [www.thelighthousepa.org](http://www.thelighthousepa.org) and click on the Events tab.



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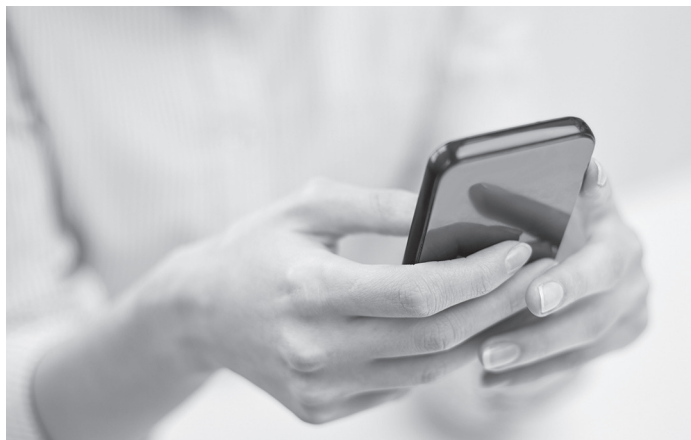
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The Lighthouse Foundation is required to file an annual registration statement with the state. The official registration and financial information for the Lighthouse Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania. 1-800-732-0999

The Lighthouse Foundation is a Christian outreach organization meeting the needs of impoverished individuals and families in northern Allegheny and Butler Counties.

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