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DONATE MY CAR? WHY WOULD I DO THAT?

There are many places where you can donate a vehicle. Many organizations use it strictly as a fundraising event. They receive a vehicle and it is sent to an auction or sold through wholesalers to receive the highest bid. Then the organization receives its money to utilize how they see fit.



The Lighthouse Foundation's Low Income Car Ownership program accepts all vehicles through donation. However, this is where we differ. LICO is looking for vehicles that can be put into service for low-income individuals struggling for self-sufficiency. We put each vehicle through an inspection, looking for ones that can be relied upon for at least 24 months of service.

There is research to support the idea of a reliable vehicle can mean a boost to an individual's earning potential within the first 12 months of ownership as much as \$4500 more. This is directed towards the ability to work more hours, work a shift where a differential is paid, the ability to take on a different job / part-time work. Plus, owning a car allows the person to have more time to accomplish everyday tasks such as going to the laundry mat, grocery shopping, attending childrens' after school activities. These activities have to be planned with a ride from a friend, family member, or public transportation otherwise.

Many people assume LICO gives the donated vehicles for free. It would be a lovely world if we could have many cars donated that required very little work to become inspected and we could get grants for the salaries for the people who run the program. However, the real story is people donate cars, they no longer want or need. This usually involves vehicles that require substantial money to become inspected and legal on the road. This is not a problem because we are grateful for the donation; it usually requires \$1,000 to \$1,500 to repair, inspect, and make ready one of these donated cars.

For example, we received a great donation from a professional. The car is a 2001 Pontiac Bonneville with 113,000 miles. The exterior and interior are in good shape. It cost over \$1970.00 in repairs to ready this car for our LICO lot. We are selling the car for \$2200.00. So we will only profit \$230 from that particular car. So we are hoping we can cover our costs of repairs/labor and staff costs with each car sold. This is not a typical automotive dealership hoping to make \$800-\$1,000 per car sold.

Not hard to see why The Lighthouse Foundation is not able to give the donated cars away.

If you know of someone looking to sell or get rid of their clunker or are buying a new car and are surprised how little their trade-in will net them, share the ministry of donating a car. It really becomes a triple play for the donor, the needy individual and The Lighthouse Foundation.



The individual buys an inexpensive car without the hassle of a high predatory buy-here, pay here loan. The donor can realize the highest tax deduction, if their car can be inspected / sold to our consumers. The Lighthouse Foundation will be able to help an individual on their journey to self-sufficiency.

WIN-WIN-WIN through Jesus Christ's grace and blessings.

SOARING FOR HOPE RAISES OVER \$40,000 FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION

On May 16th, The Lighthouse celebrated its 30 Year Anniversary at The Butler County Airport. Over 200 guests attended the event which combined unique themed entertainment and a tribute to The Lighthouse Foundation's 30 year history of serving the community.

The Swingin' Bopcats Big Band provided music which set the festive atmosphere of the evening. Guests were welcomed by Lighthouse staff, volunteers and committee members who took care to ensure all in attendance had a memorable experience. A 1939 Spartan Executive Aircraft on display was the highlight of the evening. This airplane, owned by Jim and Anita Savage, was used during WWII and was the backdrop for several famous photos, including one of Betty Grable standing on the aircraft's wing. Guests were afforded the unique opportunity to sit in the cockpit and be photographed with "Betty Grable" (played by our own Victoria Smouse).



The evening's brief program featured Reverend Dick Moreledge, the visionary pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown. Reverend Moreledge recounted how a small group of mission minded people followed God's calling and brought to life what is now The Lighthouse Foundation. Board President Allan Osterwise offered a glimpse of The Lighthouse's vision for the future, and Executive Director Cindy Cipoletti spoke to guests about the cost of poverty and how The Lighthouse's ministries are funded.

The goal for the evening was to raise "\$30,000 for 30 Years". Thanks to the generosity of all who attended, donated, and sponsored the event, that goal was met and exceeded! A special thank you goes to our staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make this a special evening of celebration. Be sure to save the date for next year's event, which is scheduled for May 21, 2016 at The Butler County Airport!

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NEWS FROM OUR FOOD BANK

The Lighthouse Foundation serves approximately 200 families per week at our food bank. Each family receives fresh produce, meat, canned and boxed food items, bread and many other food items that will feed their families for 2 weeks.

The Lighthouse Foundation received a generous grant which enabled us to purchase forty new shopping carts for the food bank from Zampogna Carts, Inc. in Arnold, PA.

Considering the increased amount of clients to the food bank, the carts have enabled us to serve more people and certainly do it more efficiently.

We thank God for the generosity given to us and the ability to utilize this gift to benefit others.

The food bank relies on the generosity of our donors and volunteers to serve people in need each week. Thank you to all who contribute their time and resources to help feed hungry people in our community!



UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH:



Our first Faith and Finance Class here at The Lighthouse Foundation is complete! With 13 individuals on the roster, graduation was on May 14th. After the wrap-up of Faith and Finances, a faith based parenting class will be offered every Wednesday starting June 10th for six weeks. Also, coming again this fall is our Jobs for Life Class collaboration with First United Methodist Church. We anticipate classes to begin September 15th 2015 and they will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm for eight weeks. Any questions about these programs or interests in participating, please feel free to contact Victoria at 724.586.5554 ext 207.

So far in 2015 we have been able to assist over 50 individuals/families in maintaining their housing, working towards better budgeting skills and gaining independence by maintaining reliable transportation.

*Also volunteer training/informational meetings are held the 2nd Monday and Tuesday of every month. Contact Victoria to register! There are many opportunities to donate your time and talents here at The Lighthouse Foundation.

NEWS FROM TRANSITIONAL HOUSING...

As we spring forward into this new year, we would like to welcome our new additions to the Transitional Housing Team. Devin Cunningham is our new Resident Manager for the Penney House, Carla Price-Fritch is the new Resident Manager for the Blanchard House, and Amy Cirelli is our new Case Manager. All three have extensive experience in social services and are working hard to help our Transitional Housing Program be the best it can be. We would also like to thank Matt Perotti, Resident Manager of Armour Apartments, Theresa Berryman, Resident Manager of Kaufman Drive, and Keith Wright, Resident Manager of Safe Harbor for their years of dedication to our Mission.

Our residents are doing well. Klarissa graduated high school in February. We have two residents engaged in GED prep courses through BC3. Justine completed her work at BC3 and has enrolled at the Community College of Allegheny County to study Nuclear Medicine. David is doing well for himself, working for Arch Masonry, and traveled to Las Vegas to compete in a world competition in which his team placed 5th. With the impending opening of Armour II, we look forward to helping four more families work on their education and employment goals, as well as goals in mental, physical and spiritual wellness.



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NEW APARTMENTS OPENING SOON

On April 28th, The Lighthouse acquired two duplexes in the city of Butler to replace the transitional housing facility on Ridge Avenue that was destroyed by fire last summer. The duplexes are in excellent condition and there are only a few minor renovations which need to be made before they are ready for occupancy. The newly acquired duplexes are located at 213-215 1st Street and 222-224 2nd Street. These two buildings will house four families when ready, and each of the four units will have its' own laundry facilities as well. Appliances and furniture donations for the new units are being acquired at this time, and some interior painting will take place before occupancy. Our goal is to move four new families into these residences by mid-July.

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As an **“Organization of Hope”** the mission of The Lighthouse Foundation is encouraging others to find hope in Christ by meeting their immediate needs and empowering them towards self-sufficiency.

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