Persistent Optimism

Above: Four Lighthouse of Broward clients with smiles on their faces.
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT/CEO AND BOARD PRESIDENT

We closed out 2021 with gratitude for the generosity of our donors, support of our board leadership, and consistent, hard work of our Lighthouse of Broward team.

Together, we have continued to move the Lighthouse to new heights with an attitude of persistence and optimism despite the ever-changing environment of COVID-19. The fluid atmosphere of this past year has required us to pivot at a moment’s notice, constantly testing our patience and resolve. But we have overcome by remaining optimistic, as we look ahead to a future when this pandemic will end or become more manageable.

In the meantime, we remain resilient, updating and fine tuning our programming and staffing to meet and overcome challenges so we may continue to consistently serve individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

These folks need us – always – regardless of the situation. And we are committed to serving them no matter what. We are resolved to do so with a persistent, hopeful spirit, knowing that our work makes an important, life-changing difference in their lives.

This is our mission here at the Lighthouse of Broward. We are so proud to provide resources to help those who are blind and visually impaired thrive.
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SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

▲ WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY
The Lyons Club of Dania Beach graciously hosted blind and visually impaired clients and staff to celebrate White Cane Awareness Day with a full barbecue lunch, games and raffle prizes. A big thanks to The Lyons Club!

Above: Lyons Club volunteers Alan Plaoli, D. Joe Payne and Louie Mariano.

HOCKEY FOR OUR KIDS
The Florida Panthers hosted a specialized hockey clinic – shooting balls equipped with bells – for approximately 20 Lighthouse of Broward youth. The kids loved it!

Right: Saurym Quezada assists client Alexiana Lopez with her hockey stick.

▲ BACK TO SCHOOL
More than 85 blind and visually impaired youth participated in the Lighthouse’s Back-to-School event. Kids received a full backpack including Braille reading materials and enjoyed hands-on STEM activities, Build Your Own Bear, snow cone treats, and more.

Left: Lighthouse client Lucas builds his bear.

▲ FALL FESTIVAL
Eighty children who are blind and visually impaired and their families had a great time at the Lighthouse Annual Fall Festival, interacting with animals in the petting zoo, navigating an inflatable bounce house, riding ponies, scaling a rock climbing wall, and more.

Left: Happy Lighthouse child Emilio poses with a huge inflatable clown.
SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

IN THE NEWS ►
The Sun Sentinel published a compelling piece by Jose Lopez Masso, VP of Strategic Initiatives and Development at the Lighthouse, on how to interact with blind people. Read the full article here: http://www.lhob.org/node/80.

Right: Sun Sentinel news article by Jose Lopez Masso.

~ FABULOUS NEW WEBSITE ~
The Lighthouse of Broward launched a new, updated website this past year, creating a site that’s more visually appealing to sighted individuals while being more functional and accessible for those who are blind and visually impaired. Check it out at www.LHOB.org!

Above: Lighthouse of Broward home page.

~ LEADERSHIP BROWARD ~
Jose Lopez Masso, VP of Strategic Initiatives and Development at the Lighthouse, was accepted into Leadership Broward’s Class XL, the first blind person ever to become a member of Leadership Broward.

Above: Jose Lopez Masso at the Leadership Broward retreat with Matt Korshoff, Jamie Wasserman and Jeff Fauer.

~ HOLIDAY FUN! ~
Our blind and visually impaired youth played on a snow “mountain” at the Lighthouse Holiday Party presented by Publix Supermarkets Charities in celebration of the holiday season.

Right: Lighthouse client Cora is all smiles at the Holiday Party.
David & Jean Colker KIDS Program

David & Jean Colker KIDS Program is a year-round program that provides a summer camp, weekend activities each month, and school holidays during the school year for 6 to 13 year olds who are blind and visually impaired.

**IMPACT**
95% of students improved functional life skills (communication, reading comprehension, writing, safe travel, personal care, cooking, etc.).

**CLIENTS SERVED**
57

Below: Teens take a swim during Summer Camp.

Bright Beginnings

Bright Beginnings is a year-round developmental and support program for parents and children ages birth through five years old.

**CLIENTS SERVED**
40

Above: A baby in the Bright Beginnings program.
Ready to Work

Ready to Work provides blind and visually impaired working-age adults with skills training, job preparation, placement services, and ways to overcome barriers to gain employment and reduce the effects of vision loss on job performance.

**IMPACT**
100% of clients who completed job readiness completed or updated their resume and improved their interview skills.

**CLIENTS SERVED**
183

**Teen LIFE**

Teen LIFE (Learning Independence From Experience) is a year-round program for teens and young adults ages 14 to 21. It focuses on career exploration, job readiness, work experience, daily living skills and college preparation.

**IMPACT**
100% of Teen LIFE parents reported that services provided addressed the areas most needed.

**CLIENTS SERVED**
52

**Workforce Enterprises**

Workforce Enterprises creates opportunities for adults who are blind and visually impaired to become wage earners and taxpayers, reducing their reliance on government support and increasing engagement with the community.

**IMPACT**
Employs four direct labor personnel and one supervisor, all of whom are blind, plus two sighted supervisors.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**
Increased output to 4,500 computer mice for federal contract; landed new contract assembling kits for mechanical locking mechanisms; and added one additional staff person.
Vital Living
Vital Living serves blind and visually impaired seniors, who participate in group and individual rehabilitation training, enabling them to maximize their independence, well-being, and health. Vital Living helps seniors to age in place and learn skills empowering them to remain safe and live independently.

**IMPACT**
97% of clients increased their daily living and/or communication skills.

**PROGRAM GRADUATES**
Vital Living graduates, called Lifetime Learners, totaled 1,774 last year.

**CLIENTS SERVED**
231

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Family Support Group and VISIT
Visually Impaired Seniors using Technology (VISIT) and Family Support Group offer additional support to clients and their families.

**IMPACT**
Provided smart phone technology training to 50 seniors.

**COMBINED CLIENTS SERVED**
54

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Low Vision Clinic
The Low Vision Clinic at the Lighthouse assists low-vision clients and the general public in partnership with Nova Southeastern School of Optometry. In-home follow up includes teaching best use of remaining vision with adaptive low vision devices.

**IMPACT**
Provided 120 visually impaired children and adults free or reduced cost low vision exams.

**CLIENTS SERVED**
120
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2021 BY THE NUMBERS

$94,369 AMOUNT RAISED FOR GIVING TUESDAY  
$6,213 VALUE OF DONOR HOURS  
121 NUMBER OF STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS, GATHERINGS AND OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS  
115 NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS FOR GIVING TUESDAY  
43 NUMBER OF REGULAR VOLUNTEERS  
218 VOLUNTEER HOURS  
10 NUMBER OF CLIENT PROGRAM EVENTS, INCLUDING ADULTS AND CHILDREN
Total Expenses 2021: $2,398,458*

Below: Client walking in front of Lighthouse of Broward mural.
Support and Revenue

Total Support and Revenue: $3,782,373*

The Lighthouse of Broward is graciously supported by

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OUR MISSION
To provide the leadership, services, advocacy, and resources necessary to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired in Broward County and empower them to live independent, healthy, employed, and fulfilling lives.

OUR VISION
For all Broward residents who are blind or visually impaired enjoy independence and a high quality of life through the transformative work of the Lighthouse of Broward.

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