



# LIGHTHOUSE VIEWS

*Together we're creating a  
community where every young  
person has the opportunity to thrive*



SUMMER 2024



# BEACON OF LIGHT

**BECAUSE OF YOU, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GETTING  
THE HELP THEY NEED TO THRIVE**

Thanks to you, the annual Beacon of Light event raised nearly \$214,000! Guests reveled in old Hollywood glamour at 20th Century Theater during the celebration of the Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award honorees, including Cincinnati Foundation, Yvette Simpson, and Dr. Jeannette Taylor. Peter and Michelle Barrett served as event co-chairs. Thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, supporters, the event committee, and emcee Evan Millward for your support.



Carole Rigaud, Lighthouse volunteer



Stephen Petersen and Chris Bolling,  
Lighthouse board members



Byron McCauley, Lighthouse board  
member, and Randy Tucker



Cecelia Tio, Samantha Berten,  
Ashley Faulkner, Joseph Smith



Lighthouse President & CEO Paul Haffner, Dr. Jeannette Taylor, Yvette Simpson, Greater Cincinnati Foundation Chief Impact Officer Rasheda Cromwell, Event Co-Chairs Michelle and Peter Barrett



Lighthouse Vice President & COO  
Bonita Campbell and Marvin Butts,  
Lighthouse board member



Evan Millward, emcee



Talid Boycan, featured speaker and  
member of the Lighthouse Youth  
Action Board

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## PRESENTING



## BEACON

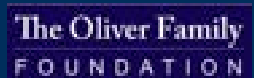
Peggy & Bruce Greenberg  
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## LUMINARY

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Ginger Warner

## BRILLIANCE

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

**Renaissance Cincinnati Downtown Hotel**



**BEACON  
OF LIGHT**

# VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Without your help, Lighthouse Youth & Family Services couldn't support youth in crisis.

Megan Miladinov is a volunteer at Lighthouse who helps young people staying at the Sheakley Center for Youth. For about ten years, Megan donated holiday gifts, clothes, household items, and other things that Lighthouse needed. In 2020, she decided to do even more by working directly with the youth. But when the pandemic hit, her plans had to be put on hold. After waiting for two years, volunteers were finally allowed back, and Megan started building connections at the Sheakley Center for Youth.

Megan has a personal tie to the young adults ages 18-24 who are staying in the shelter. "I was food and housing insecure in my teens and early twenties. Many people fed me or gave me a safe place to sleep, and I will never forget the kindness and safety."

If you're thinking about volunteering at Lighthouse, Megan encourages you to go for it. She says, "Do it! I started by volunteering just one evening every other week, and that worked well for me. You don't have to do 20 hours a week to make a difference!"

You can make all the difference for youth in Lighthouse care in a variety of ways.

Volunteer Coordinator Silver Crable is ready to help find the volunteer options right for you.

(513) 487-7122 or [scrable@lys.org](mailto:scrable@lys.org).



Megan says, "I've been welcomed by the Sheakley shelter team as if I'm a coworker or friend, and I enjoy seeing them each week."

Jon Gross, Josh Halaberda-Ahiakwo, Megan Miladinov, Jasma Warner, Keisha Hicks, Kai Daniels

***"Getting to know the clients is a reason I prioritize my time at Lighthouse. In many ways, it is fulfilling. It is also healing to me to listen to them, offer advice when solicited, and share tips about being housing insecure. I love when they trust me to share what is on their heart because it means they know I will support them."***

# TINA IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT

My name is Tina, and my journey hasn't been easy, but thanks to the support from people like you, I've come a long way. I was born addicted to drugs and was taken away from my mom, so I grew up in foster care. My dad died not long after I was born.

When I turned 17, my case manager connected me with Lighthouse's youth housing program. While living on my own through their Independent Living Program, I worked really hard. I was part of advisory councils, completed life skills training, graduated high school, started college, and got a job.

Perhaps the best part is that I was able to support my sister when she needed me. She and her baby moved in with me, and I helped her get back on track with school and set up childcare.

I'm grateful for the support I've received, and I'm determined to make a difference. Thanks to your help, I've turned my life around.



# YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR DAVID



My name is David, and my time at the Lighthouse Youth Center at Paint Creek has changed my life. The program at Paint Creek helps boys like me, ages 15-18, who have been in trouble with the law in Ohio. Growing up, I bounced between my mom's and dad's families, but neither home was a good place for me. I was around drugs, alcohol, and abuse, and my dad even went to jail.

When I first entered the juvenile justice system, it was a real wake-up call. I knew I didn't want to hurt anyone again, so I decided to change. At Paint Creek, I started learning about myself and why I made bad choices. I learned to take responsibility for what I've done, to think before I act, and how to use my energy in a positive way.

Now, I'm excited about going to college and helping younger kids so they don't make the same mistakes I did. I'm thankful for the support and faith people have shown in me, and for the staff at Lighthouse who never gave up on me. Because of your support, I'm proof that young people can get through their mistakes and become successful.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## QCE BEER MILE



**Saturday, October 26**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The QCE Beer Mile is a beer crawl that begins at Queen City Exchange and includes three stops along a mile route in Over-the-Rhine, including Rhinehaus, Queen City Radio, and Pilar.

The Lighthouse Young Professionals Committee is proud to partner again with Queen City Exchange to present this annual event. Proceeds support the services Lighthouse provides to young people and families.



**Scan to buy  
your ticket.**



**Tuesday, November 5 –**

**Tuesday, November 26**

Cincinnati Art Galleries  
625 E Sixth Street, Downtown  
Cincinnati

**VIP Cocktail Reception**

**Saturday, November 2**

The Lighthouse Youth & Family Services Art Event is a fundraiser to support shelter and services for homeless youth. A wide selection of art will be for sale at Cincinnati Art Galleries and online during the event.

**Sponsorships are available.  
For more information,  
please contact Caroline  
Phelps at [cphelps@lys.org](mailto:cphelps@lys.org)  
or 513-475-6026.**



Make a child's wish come true this holiday season and join the Lighthouse Happy Holidays gift drive! The young people and families Lighthouse serves are among those who need the magic of the season the most.

**To join, please contact Silver  
Cable at 513-487-7122 or  
[scrable@lys.org](mailto:scrable@lys.org).**

# THANK YOU!

**Lighthouse Youth & Family Services is grateful for the trust and generosity of our partners.**

Lighthouse's Youth Housing Opportunities program is made possible in part by a \$50,000 grant from the **Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust, Fifth Third Bank, N.A., Trustee.**

The **Andrew Jergens Foundation** awarded a grant of \$16,000 to support programming at Mecum House, Lighthouse's shelter for runaway youth.



*Enriching Young Lives*

The **Charles H. Dater Foundation** awarded a grant of \$40,000 to support the operations of the Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth.



The **United Way of Greater Cincinnati** awarded a grant of \$100,000 to support Lighthouse's services for youth and families.

# WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## DONATE A SHELTER MEAL

Your donation of a delicious meal will mean so much to the young people in Lighthouse care. Meals can be prepared and served at the shelter, made at home and dropped off, or ordered and delivered! Contact Silver Crable at [scrable@lys.org](mailto:scrable@lys.org) or 513-487-7122 to learn more.



## LEAVE A LEGACY

Your planned gift will make a profound and enduring difference for future generations. Remembering Lighthouse in your will, estate, or other type of planned gift also offers you many potential advantages: the opportunity to increase spendable income, the elimination or reduction of capital gain taxes, and possibly federal and state estate tax savings. Contact Jessica Wabler at [jwabler@lys.org](mailto:jwabler@lys.org) or 513-487-7101 to learn more and explore options.



## DONATE THROUGH YOUR IRA

If you are over the age of 70, an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution may be a tax-wise way to make a difference. You can donate up to \$100,000 each year to Lighthouse, satisfy your annual Required Minimum Distribution (if applicable), and exclude these funds from your taxable income. Contact your tax advisor for more information.



## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Did you know Kroger will donate to Lighthouse every time you shop there and swipe your Shopper's Card? All you have to do is sign up for the company's Community Rewards and choose to support Lighthouse. Go to [KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com), sign in to your account, search for "Lighthouse Youth" in the Find an Organization box, and click "Enroll" in the Lighthouse box. You'll start making a difference right away while still earning your fuel points.



## GIFTS OF STOCK

Donating appreciated securities – such as stock or mutual funds – to Lighthouse is a tax-wise approach to helping children and families. A donation of appreciated securities maximizes tax savings, and you receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of donated securities.



## DONATE ETHNIC HAIR CARE PRODUCTS

Having the proper hair care products boosts the self-esteem and well-being of young people in Lighthouse care. Product suggestions include Shea Moisture, Pattern Beauty, and My Black is Beautiful. Contact Silver Crable at [scrable@lys.org](mailto:scrable@lys.org) or 513-487-7122 to donate products.



## QUESTIONS?

**PLEASE CALL 513-221-3350 AND ASK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE, [LYS.ORG](http://LYS.ORG).**



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## SEE YOUR IMPACT FIRSTHAND

### Behind-the-Scenes at Lighthouse

You're invited to free Inside Lighthouse events! You'll talk with Lighthouse leaders and staff caring for young people facing some of life's most difficult challenges. Lunch will be provided.

### Monday, October 7

Juvenile Justice Services  
Noon – 1:30 PM\*

### Thursday, November 14

Residential Treatment Services  
Noon – 1:30 PM

Please contact Caroline Phelps at [cphelps@lys.org](mailto:cphelps@lys.org) or 513-475-6026 for more information and to reserve your seat. \*Virtual option available.

