Our Mission

To assist persons with visual impairments to develop their capabilities to the fullest, and to utilize them in the pursuits of life, which are the right and privilege of all.

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Director Emeritus
Dear Friends,

Just a few months ago, we celebrated our 75th Anniversary at the Eye Ball. Many of you joined us for that spectacular event and on behalf of the board of directors and staff, we wish to thank you for your support. 2021 was a year of much change, growth and uncertainty for the future due to the pandemic; but we made it through and after much celebration, we want to share what comes next for Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches in this annual report.

Over the past few months, our organization embarked on a strategic plan, and through this report, we wish to share the six key focus areas:

1. Deliver High Impact Programs
2. Talent Management
3. Fiscal Stability – which includes the addition of a new fundraising event (see the back page for more information)
4. Community Outreach and Partnerships throughout the five counties we serve
5. Efficiency and Effectiveness – with the plan to launch a robust capital campaign to acquire a permanent state-of-the-facility
6. Board Governance and Board Recruitment

It is, of course, our hope that you will join us on what we are calling “Vision for the Future,” and take the first step in making a financial commitment towards funding or assisting us in our new endeavors.

You may not realize this, but Florida leads the nation in age-related vision impairments with nearly 2 million diagnosed cases – that number is expected to double by 2050. The good news is Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches is here and thanks to all of you, our “Vision for the Future” is bright, and we are excited about what the next 75 years will bring. We hope we can count on all of you for this next phase in our history.

Respectfully,

Donté Mickens
Chair of the Board

Mary Allen
Executive Director

Donté Mickens
Mary Allen
Executive Director and Chair of the Board
Year in Review

For 75 years we have been the light for thousands of blind and visually impaired persons throughout the five counties we serve; Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee. In 2021, we celebrated those successes despite still being in the middle of a pandemic. We kicked off our 75-year celebration in April with an in-person Open House and Ribbon Cutting to officially open our new facility. Most of our classes and social activities continued remotely on Zoom, however by late spring some of our adult clients were able to come in person to participate in daily living skills classes, assistive technology training, Braille instruction and counseling. In June, youth participants returned to enjoy an educational and fun summer camp. In September, we held a “Pop-UpScale” Boutique to provide, at affordable prices, gently used gala and formal wear donated from generous patrons, for those attending formal parties, prom and, of course, our 75th Anniversary Eye Ball. As the year came to a close, our youth attended a fabulous holiday party held at the Benjamin School, with donated gifts from numerous generous donors including Cano and Manning Eye Center.
Far Upper Left
Lighthouse officially opens doors to new facility with Board of Directors cutting the ribbon

Far Lower Left
75th Anniversary Donor Wall unveiled

Top Left
Summer Camp Youth Participants

Top Right
Dr. Lauree Manning, Dr. David Cano and Page Ferrell gather at Table 26 Eye Ball Sponsor Reception

Lower Left
Vision Rehabilitation Therapist teaching daily living skills

Lower Right
Annual Youth Holiday Party
The Eye Ball, held on December 2 at the Pelican Club in Jupiter, was the culmination of years of success. The event celebrated not only those in the community who supported and assisted Lighthouse through the years – but also highlighted blind and visually impaired individuals who have achieved great success due to Lighthouse programs. Over $75,000 was raised thanks to our generous sponsors, ticket buyers and a fabulous silent auction held outside on the beautiful waterfront deck overlooking the Jupiter Lighthouse.
Far Left
Kaitlyn Deverson wows the crowd with her version of “Country Roads”

Far Right
Mary Allen presents Dr. Scott Gartner with the Outstanding Individual Partner Award

Top Left
Islay Rodriguez and Urban Gypsy perform

Top Right
Roy Young and his guests celebrating

Lower Left
Stan Klett presents Marvin Tanck with the Beacon Award of Excellence

Lower Right
Page Ferrell and Allen Preston accept the Lifetime Achievement Award from Donté Mickens, on behalf of the West Palm Beach Lions Club
## 2021 By the Numbers

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*2020 Census, Fl. Department of Health; **Florida Agencies Serving the Blind, 2022*
Revenue: $1,656,098
- Contracted Services $723,279
- Bequests $310,467
- Miscellaneous Income $188,562
- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) $141,178
- Special Events $71,661
- Private Support and Grants $220,951

Expenses: $1,123,166
- Programs & Vision Services $819,448
- Development & Special Events $153,189
- Administrative $150,529
## 2021 Donations

We are grateful for the generosity and support of the many individuals and organizations that believe in our mission. Space does not permit a listing of the many thousands of gifts given to Lighthouse in the past year.

### VISIONARY $250,000+
- Harold W. and Dorothy L. Gebele Joint Revocable Trust

### ADMIRAL $50,000 – $99,999
- Cecil H. and Charlotte Hackett Charitable Trust

### CAPTAIN $10,000 – $49,999
- The Batchelor Foundation
- Kay Battaglia Trust
- J S & S Michaan Foundation
- Samuel and Grace Navarra Trust
- William and Helen Thomas Charitable Trust

### COMMODORE $5,000 – $9,999
- Nicholas Andronicos Cassas Charitable Foundation
- Ben and Mary B. Coulter
- The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation, Inc.
- The Jorgensen Foundation
- Anna A. Moldrup Foundation
- Chris and Denise Pratico

### MARINER $1,000 – $4,999
- The Rinker Foundation
- Michael and Beatrice Stevens
- Glenn and Mary Allen
- Anonymous
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Buenting
- Courtney Burton
- Cano and Manning Eye Center
- Children’s Healthcare Charity, Inc./Honda Classic
- Mrs. Kimberly S. Clawson
- Roy Conners
- Mrs. Mary E. Curran
- Margaret C. Donnelley
- Facebook Donations/Fundraisers
- Dr. and Mrs. Scott A. Gartner
- Dr. Jeffrey D. Hixenbaugh
- Henry Levine
- Mr. and Mrs. John McGill
- Merlin Law Group
- Dr. Mark Michels
- Carmencita Mitchell

### BEACON $500 – $999
- Belle Glade Lions Club
- Judith M. Buechner
- Ernest L. Cantelmo
- Don Collica
- Page Ferrell

### Other Donors
- Janice Negley
- Palm Tran
- Allen Preston
- Walter Ross
- J. M. Rubin Foundation
- Dr. and Mrs. Ravi Seth
- Shutts, LLP
- Dr. Morton Lewis Singer, Judith Singer & Irving Lapidus Foundation
- Michael S. Smith
- The Society of the Palm Beaches
- Southern Dames
- Susan O. Taylor
- Thrift, Inc.
- VIP Laser Eye Center
- VXIT
- Roy T. Young
Dr. and Mrs. Geilich
Harbor Entertainment
Sara A. Lankler
Ethel Joy Maale
Patricia Maher
Dr. and Mrs. Mas Massoumi
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Martha and Max Rubinstein Family
Foundation
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Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Smith
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TriNet
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wood

**Friend $250 – $499**
Mr. and Mrs. Manuel H. Borda
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Renardo March
Alfred Medina
Donté Mickens
Marianne Miner
Rentina Care Specialists
Christopher W. Ruddy
Dr. Steven Schnell
Edna M. Walton
West Palm Beach/ Wellington
Lions Club

**In-Kind Donations Over $250**
Achieve
The Benjamin School & National Honor Society
Chick-fil-A Lake Park
Caroline DeMaria
Margaret C. Donnelley
Matt and Ashley Falcone
Golden Anvil Jewelers
Harriett Havanich
Carmencita Mitchell
Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island
Paula Mueller
Terri Neil
Provident Jewelers
Tito’s Vodka
UBU Brands
Vision for the Future

In 2022 Lighthouse embarked on a comprehensive strategic plan to identify areas of growth for the next four years. Staff and the Board engaged in the process, committed to measurable goals, identified priorities for implementation, and committed to a new vision statement; To achieve an accessible community for the blind and visually impaired utilizing public recognition, structured foundation and organizational promotion.

Core Values L.I.G.H.T. were also established.
GROWTH in expanding our reach to individuals in need.

HAPPINESS is the goal we strive to achieve for those we serve.

TEAMWORK results when values include Diversity and Inclusion.
Save the Date
for the inclusionary ART experience of the year.

Tuesday, November 29, 2022
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Marina Village Event Center, Riviera Beach

Guests will be blindfolded and invited to experience art as a visually impaired person would. TOUCH, TASTE, HEAR and SMELL – then remove the blindfold.

The evening culminates with a SENSORY EXPLOSION in the main ballroom that includes; food tastings, cocktails, music by visually impaired guitarist Islay Rodriguez and Urban Gypsy and a live ART auction – all to raise funds for Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches and the participating artists.
The Tactile/Touch Art Experience
($2,500 to sponsor)
Featuring renown sculpture artist Norman Gitzen, 3-D mosaic expressionist Deborah Bottorff and glass and metal works from the Benzaiten Center for the Creative Arts.

The Auditory Art Experience
($2,500 to sponsor)
A dramatic auditory interpretation of large-scale artwork performed by Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival actors.

The Olfactory Art Experience
($2,500 to sponsor)
An immersive botanical experience engaging one’s sense of smell.

Art of Taste Experience
($2,500 to sponsor)
A flavorful tasting experience by an artisan chef sure to tantalize one’s palate.

Each experience is available for underwriting with additional opportunities to help support as well.

If you are interested in supporting this amazing new event, check the box on the enclosed envelope that reads, “To Support Lighthouse Events” or visit www.lhpbo.org/events.

Call the Marketing and Development office for more information at 561-586-5600.

SAVE THE DATE
enVision 20/20 Luncheon
Thursday, March 30, 2023
Sailfish Club, Palm Beach
Honorary Chair: Maria Beaudouin
Venue Sponsor: Page Ferrell
75 YEARS OF VISION AND GROWTH

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