



Providing Independence for the Blind & Visually Impaired



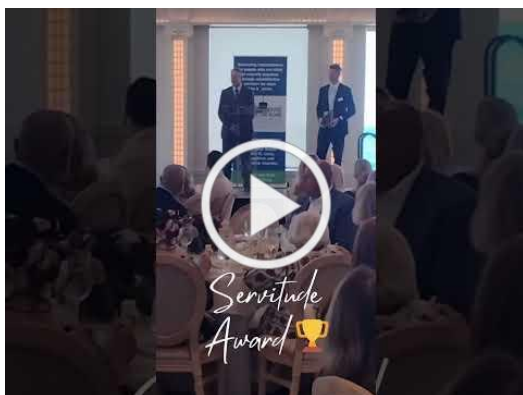
Hi there Lighthouse friends,

From meaningful recognitions to inspiring words on leadership, this past month has been filled with powerful moments across our Lighthouse community. In this edition, we're reflecting on highlights from the EnVision 20/20 Luncheon, celebrating those who go above and beyond, and sharing the continued impact of our programs, volunteers, and partners.

5th Annual EnVision 20/20 Luncheon

Here are two of our favorite moments from the Luncheon:

- We were honored to recognize Maria Beaudouin with the David B. Cano, M.D. Servitude Award at our 5th Annual EnVision 20/20 Luncheon. Her son accepted the award on her behalf, and it was a deeply meaningful moment as we reflected on Maria's lasting impact and dedication to the Lighthouse mission.
- Our emcee, Kelly Merbler, shared powerful words on leadership and the importance of showing up with purpose, heart, and service to others. Her message was a wonderful reflection of the spirit behind this special event.



"The Mountain Is Still There" | Niurka Walker's Story

On March 11th, 2021, Niurka Walker drove herself to the eye doctor. It was the last time she ever got behind the wheel.

After years of living with myopia degenerative disease, Niurka's vision had reached a turning point. In a single day, she lost her ability to drive and her ability to continue working. The independence she had built her life around was suddenly gone.

That is when she found the Lighthouse.

Through our assistive technology program, Niurka learned to use screen reading tools that reopened the digital world. The experience gave her a new sense of what was possible. She enrolled at Southeastern University and is now a college student, proving that vision loss does not have to mean the end of your ambitions.

"Do not be afraid," Niurka says. "The mountain is still there. You just got to find another way to go around it and climb it."

Niurka's story is powerful in print, but hearing her tell it in her own voice is something else entirely. Watch her full testimony.



Mission United

We are SO proud of our very own Joan Friedman! Joan, our Director of Development for Treasure Coast & Okeechobee, recently participated in Mission United through the United Way of St. Lucie & Okeechobee — representing Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee.

As part of the Boots United program, Joan showed up to support our veterans right here in our community, and that says everything about who she is.

Thank you, Joan, for going above and beyond and for making us all proud. You are a shining example of what it means to serve!

Boots ON. Hearts UNITED.



Volunteer Appreciation

We recently recognized something truly powerful- people who give their time, energy, and heart to others. Our volunteers are the quiet force behind everything we do. Thank you for showing up, caring deeply, and for making a difference in ways both seen and unseen. We are stronger because of you- and we are so grateful!



Lighthouse Golf

Golf is often called a visual game, but that hasn't stopped the incredible members of the Lighthouse's Golf Club. With guidance from the amazing

coaches at First Tee of Palm Beach and a whole lot of creativity, these golfers continue to learn, grow, and sharpen their skills every day. Their determination proves that the love of the game goes far beyond what you can see. Recently, we focused on improving our putting, and the progress has been inspiring! At the end of the day, they're already champions because of the joy they bring to the game.



Upcoming Events

FREE WEBINAR: Is Your Website Breaking the Law? Understanding the ADA & Web Accessibility

Is your website fully accessible—and compliant with the latest ADA requirements?

Join us for a FREE webinar on April 20th at 12pm hosted by Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee to learn what your organization needs to know right now.

A new federal rule under the Americans with Disabilities Act requires websites to meet strict accessibility standards—and the deadline is approaching fast.

[Register](#)

Sip, Shop & Support

Mother's Day Soirée

Please join Joan for a wonderful evening of beautiful clothing, jewelry, candles and artistry. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated in supporting the Lighthouse.

When: Sunday, April 26 from 4-7PM

Location: Marriott Palm Beach Gardens



Sip & Shop
Marketplace

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Mother's Day Soirée

📍 **Marriott Palm Beach Gardens** | **Sunday, April 26**
📅 **4:00 PM – 7:00 PM** ✦✦

✦✦ **25 Local Vendors** ✦✦
Boutique Clothing • Jewelry • Candles • Gifts & More

🎵 **Happy Hour • Music • Shop & Mingle**

Supporting:
 **LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**
OF THE PALM BEACHES
TREASURE COAST & OKEECHOBEE

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Gas Gift Cards
Appreciated

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♥ **FREE ADMISSION** ✦✦
Grab your girls & come sparkle with us ✦✦

80th Anniversary Lighthouse Gala

📅 **Thursday, December 3, 2026**

📍 **The Pelican Club, Jupiter, FL**

✦✦ We're turning 80, and you're invited to the celebration of the decade! Join Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast, & Okeechobee for our 80th Anniversary Gala on Thursday, December 3, 2026 at the stunning Pelican Club in Jupiter. More details to come!

Ongoing: First Wednesday of Every Month
"Let's Chat" on Zoom

The Transition students enjoy an interactive monthly virtual meetup specifically designed for enrolled students.

Lighthouse History - 1979



The Lighthouse Preschool Program became a full-time service—a major step forward for families who needed consistent support and specialized resources.

When support becomes reliable, families can plan, children can grow, and progress becomes possible.

[Learn More about the Lighthouse](#)

Explore additional giving options to find the one that's right for you.

Ways to Support Lighthouse for the Blind

Donating Appreciated Stocks, Securities and Bonds

- Deduct the full fair-market value of appreciated assets held for over a year
- Avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation

Giving from Your IRA

- If you're 70 1/2 or older with an IRA you can transfer up to \$108,000 each year to the Lighthouse for the Blind

Donor Advised Funds (DAF)

The end of the year is a great time to make an impact with your DAF. Some benefits with your DAF -

- Establish a flexible vehicle for annual charitable giving

- Any unused deduction can be carried forward for up to five years
- This can count toward your yearly required minimum distribution
- Benefit from a more tax and cost-efficient alternative to a private foundation
- Obtain a charitable income tax deduction in the year of your gift

[Learn More About Planned Giving](#)

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Who We Serve

Babies and Children

Services offered to babies, infants, and children between 0 to 13 years and their families ensure developmental milestones are met.

[Children's Services](#)

Teens

Services offered to youth prepares them for life after high school.

[Teen's Services](#)

Adults

Services offered to adults provide skills necessary to live healthy, happy, productive lives.

[Adult's Services](#)

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If you or someone you love needs support, we're here to help.

Call the Lighthouse at **(561) 586-5600** or [click here](#) to learn more.

[Learn More](#)

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With gratitude and best wishes for a wonderful 2026,
Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast, & Okeechobee

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