



*Providing Independence for the Blind & Visually Impaired*



Hi there Lighthouse friends,

This month, we're proud to share stories that reflect the heart of the Lighthouse—people, progress, and community in action. From a national feature highlighting one of our own, to staff adventures, community outreach, and meaningful ways to get involved, this edition celebrates what's possible when access, support, and determination come together.

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## Lighthouse Employee Featured on TODAY!

From client to leader: Anne Ogden's journey—from growing up on a Florida farm to becoming a Technology Training Specialist at the Lighthouse—shows how adaptation, access, and passion can shape a life. Recently featured on [TODAY.com](https://www.today.com), Anne shares how assistive technology and a love for cooking continue to guide her forward.



[Read More](#)

## American Blind Skiing Foundation Trip

We're incredibly proud of our Intake Specialist, Tekesha, who is on an unforgettable ski trip in South Dakota with the [ABSF-American Blind Skiing Foundation](#). From carving through fresh powder to embracing the thrill of adaptive skiing, she shows what resilience, courage, and pure joy on the slopes look like.

And the adventure didn't stop there — she also made a stop at the iconic Mount Rushmore, taking in one of America's most inspiring landmarks.



## Lighthouse at the Palm Beach Leisureville's Community Health Fair

Our team had a wonderful time attending Palm Beach Leisureville's Community Health Fair, connecting with residents and sharing resources to support healthy, independent living.

A special shout-out to our friend Stuart, who generously volunteered to help host our table. His energy, kindness, and willingness to give back truly made the day brighter for everyone who stopped by.

Events like these remind us how powerful community can be — and how much we can accomplish when we show up for one another.



## Support Lighthouse for the Blind Through Birdies for Charity

The Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast, and Okeechobee is proud to participate in the 2026 Cognizant Classic Birdies for Charity—a fun and meaningful way to support individuals living with vision loss.

From November 5, 2025 through February 25, 2026, supporters can make a minimum \$20 donation and guess the total number of birdies made during the Cognizant Classic (Feb. 25–March 1, 2026). Every entry helps fund Lighthouse programs and qualifies us for bonus funds.

All participants are entered for a chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize, awarded to the closest guess without going over, with a Bear Trap tiebreaker if needed.

Your participation supports children, teens, adults, and seniors across our region. Submit your guess and help the Lighthouse continue its mission in 2026.



[Learn More](#)

## Upcoming Events

### 5th Annual EnVision 20/20 Luncheon

 Wednesday, March 25, 2026

 The Beach Club | Palm Beach, FL

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon at The Beach Club, one of Palm Beach's most exclusive and sought-after venues. This elegant setting provides the perfect backdrop for the 5th Annual EnVision 20/20 Luncheon, bringing together community leaders, supporters, and advocates for a meaningful cause.

Guests will enjoy a beautifully curated luncheon, a lively tea cup auction, and an inspiring keynote address—all in support of the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast, & Okeechobee. This special gathering celebrates another year of progress made possible by the generosity and commitment of our supporters.

Save the date and be part of an exceptional event at a truly iconic Palm Beach location.



## Join us for the 5th Annual EnVision 20/20 Luncheon!

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at The Beach Club in Palm Beach, FL

[Get Tickets or Become a Sponsor](#)

### 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!

### Sip & Shop

**Feb 18 - J.McLaughlin**

✨ Shop for a cause! Join us on Wednesday, February 18th at JM McLaughlin locations.

♥ 10% of proceeds will benefit the Lighthouse!

**J.McLaughlin**

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### 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.

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### Lighthouse History - 1947

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YEARS



Lighthouse began providing industrial employment for people who are blind or visually impaired—supporting meaningful work and independence for decades, well into the early 2000s.

This milestone reminds us of something powerful: access to work changes lives, families, and futures.

[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
- Any unused deduction can be carried forward for up to five years

### 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
- This can count toward your yearly required minimum distribution

### 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
- 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](#)

## Funders:



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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.

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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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