



Hi there Lighthouse friends,

As we step into 2026, we're filled with gratitude for our community, clients, volunteers, and supporters who make our work possible. Last year, we helped individuals of all ages build independence, confidence, and skills to navigate life with vision loss — and we're excited about what lies ahead.

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## Featured in EatingWell: How Anne Ogden Continues to Cook with Confidence

We're thrilled to share that our Technology Training Specialist, Anne Ogden, was recently featured in [EatingWell](#)! The article highlights her inspiring journey of continuing to cook independently after losing her vision to retinitis pigmentosa. Instead of stepping out of the kitchen, Anne adapted, using a combination of assistive technology, practical strategies, and the help of her guide dog, Angelo. Her story is a testament to the fact that independence doesn't mean doing things the same way, but finding the right tools and support. Read the full blog post to learn more about Anne's approach to accessible cooking and how technology can open doors.



## Anne Ogden: Technology Training Specialist



[Read More about Anne](#)

### 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. 26–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.



# BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

**FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 1**

PGA NATIONAL RESORT & SPA | PALM BEACH GARDENS

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## 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

## 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!

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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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## Did You Know?



Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast, & Okeechobee provides used smartphones, computers, and technology equipment, when available, to individuals who express a need for such items but cannot afford them. We accept equipment and software, such as electronic video magnifiers (also called CCTVs) or other magnification devices, computers, braille devices, Android and iOS devices, and other equipment designed to be accessible for people with visual impairments.

We appreciate your tax-deductible donations of equipment to assist those in our community with visual impairments to live life more fully.

[Make an Equipment Donation](#)

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## ICYMI

We're now listed in the Be My Eyes app—search for Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast, & Okeechobee to connect with support.



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## Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches

Blindness Organizations

### Available on the Be My Eyes app

Get accessible support by downloading the free [Be My Eyes app](#).



Serving Our Community for 80 years!

### Our 2024 Impact

581	Children Served
279	Adults Served
486	Vision Screenings
5333	Square Miles of Service
7243	Direct Service Hours to Children
6742	Direct Service Hours to Adults

Because of you, the Lighthouse continues to be more than a place — it's a pathway to independence for children, adults, and seniors living with vision loss. Your support helps turn fear into confidence, isolation into community, and uncertainty into new possibilities.

As we build momentum in 2026, will you consider making a gift to help us serve even more individuals who are blind or visually impaired? With your generosity, we can expand access to life-changing services like orientation and mobility training, assistive technology, early intervention for children, and the practical skills that empower each

person to live, work, and thrive on their own terms.

Thank you for walking alongside the people we serve. Your support helps someone find their way forward — one step, one skill, and one new possibility at a time.

[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](#)

[Make a Donation](#)

### 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.

#### Teens

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

#### Adults

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

## Funders:

[Give Today!](#)

## Accredited by:



## Members of:



## Community Partners:



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](#)

Are you following us on our Social Media pages? If not, you can help us by following and engaging with our content. We have new updates several times a week.



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

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