



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

*Providing Independence for
the Blind & Visually Impaired*



Hi there Lighthouse friends,

As we move through the beginning of the year, we're reminded that progress is built through community—through the shared efforts of those who support, participate, and believe in the mission of Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee. This issue highlights the ways your involvement continues to shape meaningful opportunities and lasting impact for the people we serve.



Share Your Experience with the Lighthouse

Your voice matters. Leaving a Google review is one of the simplest ways to support Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee and help others learn about our programs and services. Reviews help families, clients, donors, and community partners better understand the impact of our work—and why it matters.

If you've attended an event, participated in a program, volunteered, or partnered with us, we'd be grateful if you shared your experience. A few thoughtful words can make a meaningful difference.



[Leave a Review!](#)

Lighthouse Treasure Coast Focus Club

On January 12th, the Lighthouse Treasure Coast Focus Club kicked off the new year with an informative presentation from Dogs Inc., formerly known as Southeastern Guide Dogs. Deanne Miller, Guide Dog Program Alumni Advisor,

shared valuable insights into the services offered and the steps involved in receiving a guide dog. It was an incredibly meaningful and educational experience, highlighting an essential community resource.



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.



[Learn More](#)

Supporting Family Caregivers of Individuals with Vision Loss

When a loved one experiences vision loss, caregivers often carry emotional, physical, and logistical responsibilities that can feel overwhelming. In this blog, we discuss the common challenges caregivers face, practical ways to maintain balance, and how Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee supports both individuals with vision loss and the families who stand beside them. It's a thoughtful resource for anyone navigating this journey.

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

5th Annual EnVision 20/20 Luncheon

 July 17 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

17 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!

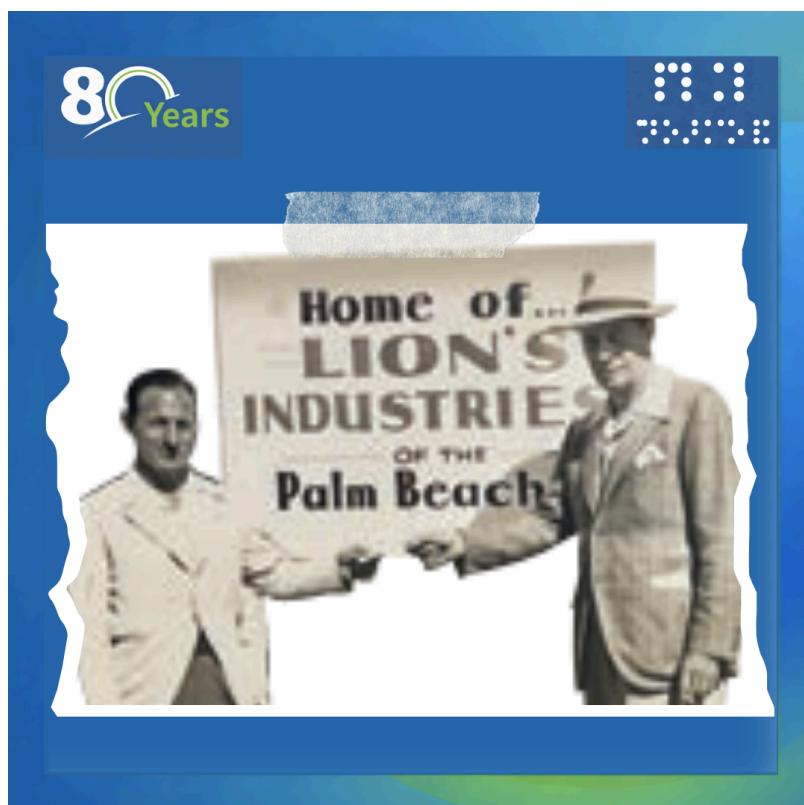
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Ongoing: First Wednesday of Every Month

“Let’s Chat” on Zoom

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

Lighthouse History - 1946



Our story began in 1946, when the West Palm Beach Lions Club founded Lions Industries for the Blind and broke ground on a new building—creating opportunity at a time when it was deeply needed. That early commitment laid the foundation for decades of service and progress.

Nearly eighty years later, the same spirit continues to guide our work as we support individuals who are blind or visually impaired in building independence, confidence, and connection. It's a powerful reminder that lasting impact often starts with a single act of community support.

[Learn More about the Lighthouse](#)

Technology News

At CES 2026, one of the most impactful innovations was a new pair of AI-powered glasses designed to help people who are blind or visually impaired navigate more independently. Using cameras and sensors, the glasses interpret the environment in real time and guide the wearer through intuitive haptic feedback—hands-free and without relying on constant connectivity. Recognized at CES for accessibility, this technology points to a future where assistive tools can deliver more mobility, confidence, and everyday freedom.



[Learn More](#)

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](#)

[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.

[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.

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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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