



Hi there Lighthouse friends,

This week, we're celebrating an exciting milestone as Lighthouse Board Member Emi Hutton co-launches the AccessEquistar Global Accessible Travel Club, an international initiative dedicated to making travel more inclusive for everyone. We're also sharing highlights from our visit to The Golf Crypt, inviting you to our final Summer Lunch & Learn session on August 5, and reminding you about upcoming opportunities to connect, give back, and celebrate with the Lighthouse community, including our Floral Arranging Workshop and 80th Anniversary Gala.

Lighthouse Board Member Co-Launches Global Accessible Travel Club

This is a vertical promotional graphic for the AccessEquistar Global Accessible Travel Club. At the top left is the AccessEquistar logo, which features a stylized star and the text "AccessEquistar GLOBAL The Gold Standard for Access". To the right of the logo is the title "ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL CLUB" in large, bold, colorful letters, with "GLOBALLY" underneath it. Below the title is the tagline "Every Journey. Every Voice. Every Impact." in a smaller font. In the center, there is a photo of four diverse people (two women and two men) smiling and posing together. One man is in a wheelchair. To the left of the photo is a large yellow speech bubble that says "JOIN FREE for first 50 MEMBERS!". Below the photo is a globe icon with a location pin. To the right of the globe is the text "SHARE YOUR JOURNEY. CREATE A MORE ACCESSIBLE WORLD." Below this are five icons representing different ways to get involved: "SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE", "YOUR VOICE IS VALUED", "FUND ENGAGING", "SOCIAL IMPACT", and "TRAVEL WITH PURPOSE". Each icon has a brief description of what it entails. At the bottom, there is a large yellow heart icon and the text "TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE TRAVEL ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE." To the right of this is another yellow heart icon and the text "BE HEARD. BE THE CHANGE. BELONG." At the very bottom, there is a red button that says "JOIN FREE NOW for first 50 members!" and a link to "www.accessequistar.com". To the right of the button is the text "Be part of a global movement. Be the change." and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, followed by the handle "@AccessEquistar".

Travel should be an opportunity everyone can enjoy. That's why we're excited to share that Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee Board Member Emi Hutton has co-founded the AccessEquistar Global Accessible Travel Club, a new international community focused on making travel more accessible and inclusive.

The club brings together travelers with disabilities, caregivers, accessibility professionals, travel brands, and advocates from around the world to share experiences, address accessibility challenges, and help shape the future of the travel industry. With members already joining from the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, and the United Arab Emirates, the initiative is creating a global network dedicated to expanding accessible travel opportunities.

AccessEquistar is currently seeking its first 50 founding members. Founding members will have the opportunity to connect with a worldwide community, share their travel insights, participate in conversations that influence the future of accessible tourism, and engage with leading travel brands.

We congratulate Emi on this exciting milestone and look forward to seeing the positive impact this initiative will have in creating more inclusive travel experiences for everyone.

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Lighthouse at the Golf Crypt



This month, our From the Screen to the Green celebration took place at The Golf Crypt in Port St. Lucie! This brand-new indoor golf simulator facility gives players the opportunity to practice and play on virtual courses using advanced golf simulation technology. The event was a fantastic way to build excitement for our upcoming First Tee golf lessons this fall while introducing clients to a fun and innovative golfing experience. A special thank you to First Tee Treasure Coast for celebrating with us and to The Golf Crypt for hosting such a wonderful event. We can't wait to see everyone on the course this fall!

Upcoming Events

Summer Lunch and Learn Series

SUMMER LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

AUGUST

5

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Wednesday

WHEN VISION CHANGES – WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

Join the discussion on timely topics presented by **Dr. Steven Edens** of Mittleman Eye.

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Check in on the 1st floor, then head to the 5th.



Join the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee for a three-part Summer Lunch & Learn Series focused on maintaining and protecting your vision at every stage of life. Hosted at Mittleman Eye, each session will offer practical guidance, expert insight, and helpful strategies you can apply to your daily routine.

Each event will take place from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and includes time for learning, discussion, and connection.

Session Topics:

- August 5: When Vision Changes – What Are Your Options?

Location Details:

All sessions will be held on the 5th floor of Mittleman Eye. Guests should check in on the 1st floor upon arrival before heading upstairs.

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Floral Arranging Workshop

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**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1ST**

Join us for a special Floral Arranging Workshop on Tuesday, September 1st from 6:00–7:30 PM

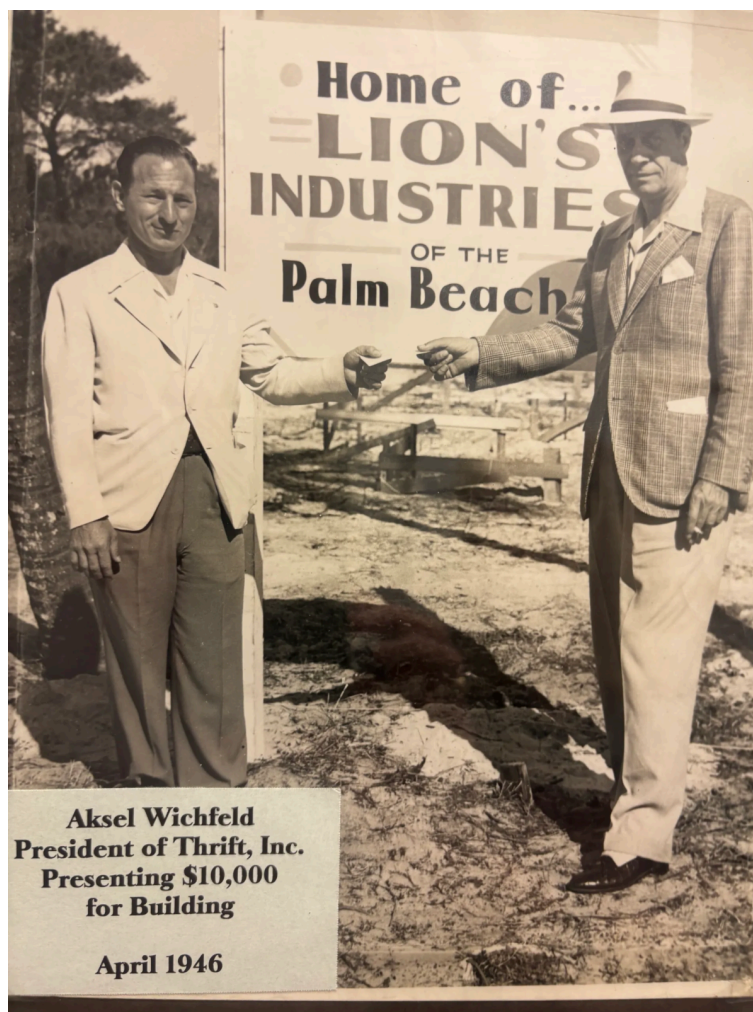
Hosted by Wellington Florist.

This intimate, hands-on experience is limited to just 30 participants, offering a unique opportunity to connect, create, and give back. Tickets are \$99 per person, with a portion of the proceeds directly supporting the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee.

We look forward to welcoming you for an evening that makes a meaningful impact.

[Register Now](#)

Eight Decades of Light, Join Us for a Night to Remember!



80th Anniversary Lighthouse Gala

- Thursday, December 3, 2026
- The Pelican Club, Jupiter, FL

For 80 years, Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast, & Okeechobee has been illuminating lives, empowering individuals who are blind and visually impaired to live with confidence, independence, and purpose. Now, it's time to celebrate this remarkable milestone, and you're invited to the celebration of the decade!

Mark your calendar for our 80th Anniversary Gala on Thursday, December 3, 2026, at the breathtaking Pelican Club in Jupiter. Expect an unforgettable evening of elegance, inspiration, and community as we honor eight decades of impact and look ahead to an even brighter future.

More details will be shared in the coming months — but the journey to this milestone is one worth knowing. Discover how it all began, the lives transformed along the way, and the vision that continues to guide us forward by visiting our [Our Story](#) page.

Stay tuned. The best is yet to come.

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

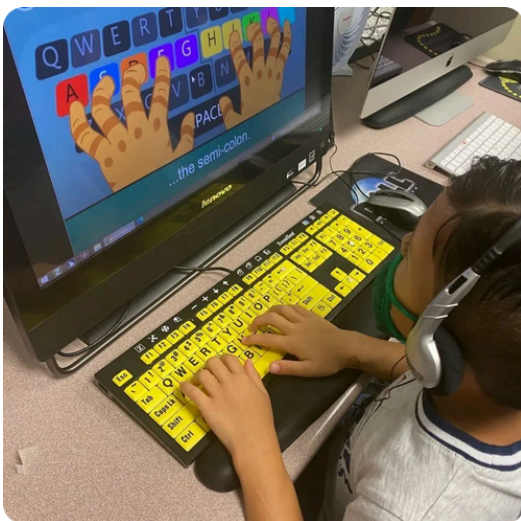
Become a GEM (Give Every Month)

Join our GEM Program and make a lasting impact through monthly giving. Starting at just \$25 a month, your recurring support helps children and adults who are blind or visually impaired build independence year-round.

- Flexible support levels: Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald & Diamond
- Change or cancel anytime
- Steady, sustainable impact for our community



Become a GEM Today



Donate Equipment

Donate New or Used Technology

Your gently used tech can transform a life. Lighthouse provides smartphones, computers, and accessibility equipment to individuals with visual impairments who cannot afford them.

- Accepted items include CCTVs, magnifiers, braille devices, computers, and iOS/Android devices
- Donations are tax-deductible
- Help someone connect, learn, and live more fully

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

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

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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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