



Hi there Lighthouse friends,

From peaceful river breezes to unforgettable adventures on the water, this month's newsletter celebrates the power of community, connection, and new experiences. Read about our narrated St. Lucie River wildlife cruise, a fun-filled Palm Beach Activity Club outing aboard the Motunui catamaran, upcoming educational events, and ways you can continue supporting the Lighthouse mission. Every experience is a reminder that independence, friendship, and opportunity can be found in every season of life.

St. Lucie River Cruise



On May 21st, we enjoyed a narrated wildlife cruise through the "jungles" of the St. Lucie River! Along the way, we learned about the area's fascinating flora, fauna, and rich history while taking in the relaxing boat ride and an amazing river breeze.

A special thank you to River Lilly Cruises for the incredible job describing the surrounding wildlife and scenery, and for the warm welcome that made the experience even more enjoyable!

After the cruise, we wrapped up the afternoon with a picnic lunch at River Park Marina — the perfect ending to a peaceful and memorable outing!

Palm Beach Activity Club



Earlier this month, the Palm Beach Activity Club set sail on a memorable adventure along the Intracoastal Waterway in West Palm Beach aboard the Motunui catamaran! During the two-hour cruise, we enjoyed a fun party atmosphere filled with lively music, warm sunshine, and refreshing ocean breezes. Everyone had an amazing time, and we're so grateful for the incredible service provided by Visit Palm Beach, which made this experience truly special. Here's to great friends and unforgettable memories on the water!

Upcoming Events

Summer Lunch and Learn Series

SUMMER LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

JULY

1

12:00 PM
Wednesday

LIFESTYLE HABITS THAT PROTECT YOUR VISION

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

PROTECTING YOUR VISION FOR LIFE



PRESENTED BY

Dr. Steven Edens

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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:

- July 1: Lifestyle Habits That Protect Your Vision
- 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

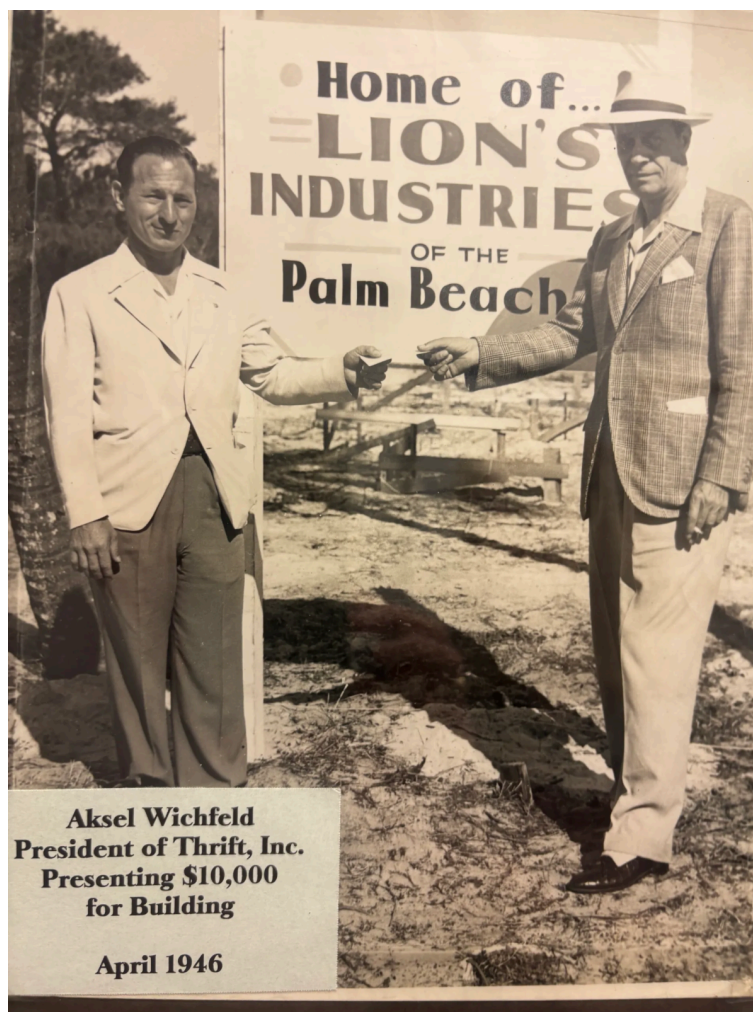
Hosted by Wellington Florist.

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.

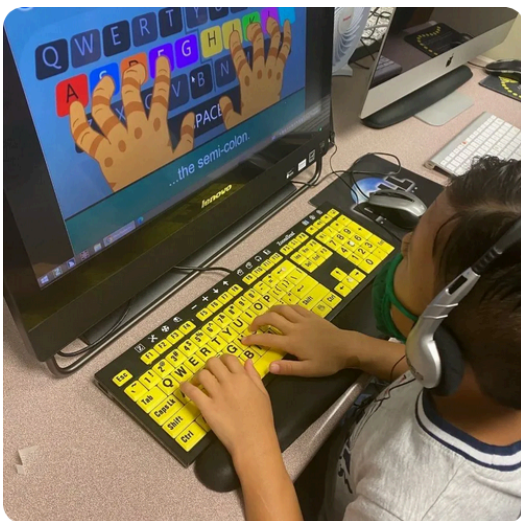
Become a GEM (Give Every Month)

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

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.

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Adults



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

[Adult's Services](#)

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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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