



Hi there Lighthouse friends,

From an unforgettable first-ever golf tournament to meaningful moments of connection at our May Focus Club, this edition highlights the power of community, resilience, and shared experiences. We're celebrating the impact of adaptive programs, honoring those who have shaped our community, and looking ahead to upcoming events that continue to bring people together in support of our mission.

Blind Golf Tournament Brings Clients, Staff & Volunteers Together

What an unforgettable day on the course!

The Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee hosted its first-ever golf tournament to celebrate the end of an incredible season. Clients, staff, and volunteers came together for a day filled with laughter, teamwork, and a unique blindfolded golf challenge that gave participants a new perspective on the game.

The event included lunch, friendly competition, great prizes from First Tee – Palm Beaches, and one especially meaningful moment: participants had the opportunity to safely drive a golf cart for the first time in years.

This program continues to show how adaptive sports can build confidence, connection, and joy far beyond the course.

Thank you to everyone who made this day so special — we can't wait for next season!



May Focus Club

During our May Focus Club in Palm Beach County, we came together to celebrate National BBQ Month, recognize Mental Health Awareness Month, and honor Memorial Day. It was a meaningful time to reflect on the importance of connection, wellness, gratitude, and remembrance.

We also paused to remember someone deeply cherished in our community—Larry McDowell, President of the Braille Club of Palm Beach County. Larry was a respected and admired leader whose dedication, vision, and heart helped shape the Braille Club into the organization we know and value today. His leadership opened doors, built lasting friendships, and strengthened this community in ways that will continue for years to come. He was also an active participant in our Focus Club, and his presence will be greatly missed.

This month, we were honored to welcome a guest speaker from the Palm Beach County Public Safety Department, who shared important information on scams and identity theft prevention.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our volunteers who help make these gatherings so special. Your time and commitment truly make a difference.



Upcoming Events

Summer Lunch and Learn Series

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:

- June 3: Eat Your Way to Better Eye Health
- 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.

SUMMER LUNCH & LEARN SERIES: PROTECTING YOUR VISION FOR LIFE

JUNE
3

EAT YOUR WAY TO
BETTER EYE HEALTH

JULY
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LIFESTYLE HABITS THAT
PROTECT YOUR VISION

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WHEN VISION CHANGES –
WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

MITTLEMAN EYE AT 2000 PALM BEACH LAKES BLVD, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33409

CHECK IN ON 1ST FLOOR THEN HEAD TO 5TH



Floral Arranging Workshop

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.

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**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1ST**

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

80th Anniversary Lighthouse Gala

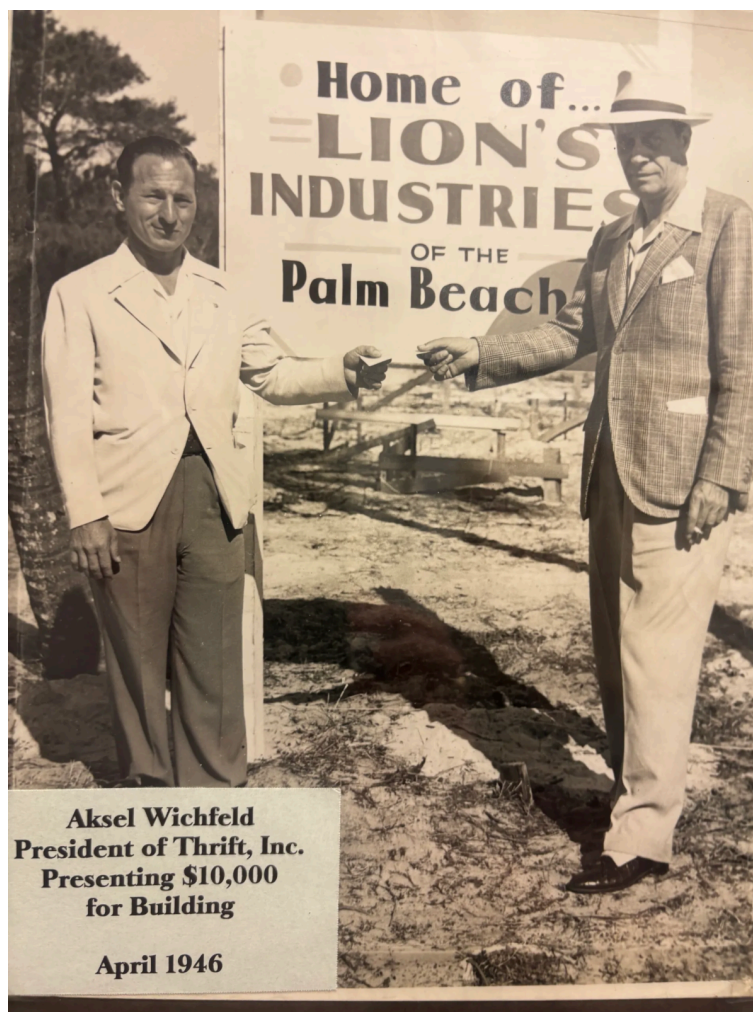
- Thursday, December 3, 2026
- The Pelican Club, Jupiter, FL

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.



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 - 2008



Lighthouse relocated to 1710 Tiffany Drive East—a move that supported growth and positioned us for the next chapter of expanded services.

Every new chapter has a purpose, and this one helped Lighthouse deepen its impact across the Palm Beaches.

[Learn More about the Lighthouse](#)

19 Essential Apps for Blind or Visually Impaired Individuals

Technology is opening new doors for individuals who are blind or visually impaired—and smartphones are at the center of it all. In this blog, we highlight 19 essential apps designed to support everyday independence, from reading and navigation to communication and real-time assistance. While these tools can be incredibly helpful, they work best when paired with proper training, such as Orientation & Mobility services, to ensure safety and confidence. Read the full blog to see how today's technology is helping individuals stay connected, capable, and independent in their daily lives.



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

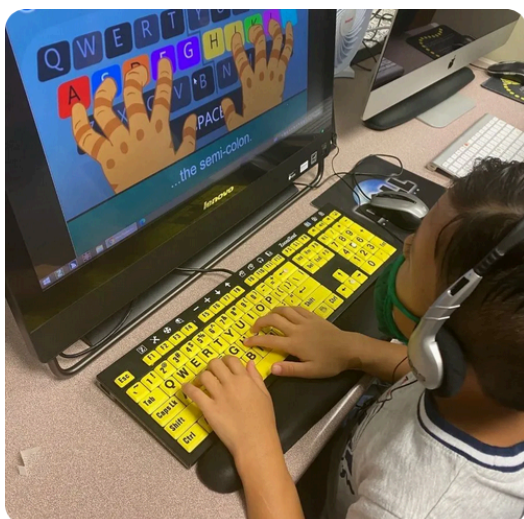
Become a GEM (Give Every Month)

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 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

Donate Equipment

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 -

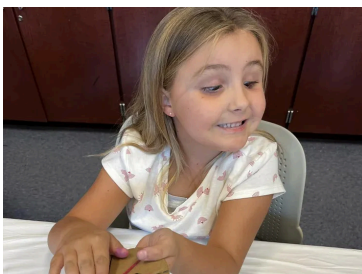
- Establish a flexible vehicle for annual charitable giving
- Benefit from a more tax and cost-efficient alternative to a private foundation
- Obtain a charitable income tax deduction in the year of your gift

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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](#)

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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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