



## **Welcome to this edition of the Lighthouse Newsletter!**

August and September have been busy and exciting months for the Lighthouse! From participating in the National Black Business Summit and Vendor Expo, where we raised awareness about the blind and visually impaired community, to kicking off the Palm Beach Focus Club with ice cream sundaes, insightful guest speakers, and even a demo of goalball, we've been fostering inclusivity and community connections every step of the way. Plus, we're thrilled to announce our nomination for the 2025 Hats Off People's Choice Award from Nonprofits First—don't forget to vote and support our mission! Stay tuned for more updates and events ahead!

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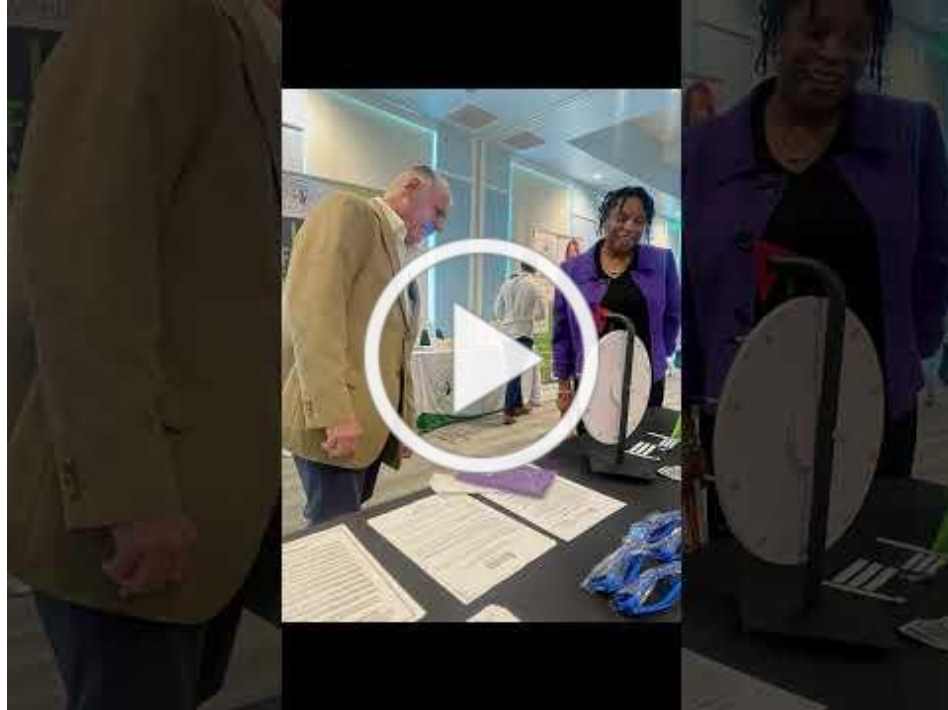
## **Happening at the Lighthouse:**

### **National Black Business Summit and Vendor Expo**

On Tuesday, August 26th, the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee proudly participated in the National Black Business Summit and Vendor Expo at the Riviera Beach Marina Event Center. Hosted by the Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, the event brought together businesses, organizations, and community leaders to foster collaboration and empowerment.

The Lighthouse engaged with attendees to showcase its mission and raise awareness about the experiences and contributions of the blind and visually impaired community. By being part of this event, the organization highlighted the importance of inclusivity and accessibility in spaces where innovation thrives.

A heartfelt thank-you to the Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County for creating such an empowering and inclusive space. Together, we're making strides toward a more equitable and accessible future.



## **Palm Beach Focus Club's September kickoff**

Our end-of-summer celebration brought smiles, sundaes, and inspiration! Thanks to our amazing volunteers, guests enjoyed delicious ice cream sundaes while connecting with one another. Our guest speaker, Dianna Valenzuela, shared valuable insights on the Medicaid Long-Term Care Participant Directed Option Program, empowering attendees with knowledge about care choices. We also learned about Borell Pro, a new nonprofit dedicated to creating networking opportunities for professionals with disabilities. Don't miss their grand opening event on October 25th! Special guest Zephyrin Victor introduced us to the exciting sport of goalball, encouraging everyone to check out tryouts at the Palm Beach County Therapeutic Recreation Center in Lake Worth.



## Hats Off Nonprofit Awards

The Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Treasure Coast & Okeechobee has been nominated for the 2025 Hats Off People's Choice Award from Nonprofits First!

This is an incredible opportunity to shine a light on the work we do to empower the blind and visually impaired in our community. But we need YOUR help to make it happen!

Vote for us and help us win the People's Choice Award! Every vote brings us closer to raising awareness about the importance of accessibility, inclusion, and representation.

[Vote for the Lighthouse!](#)



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### Events you don't want to miss!

Mark your calendars for these exciting events hosted by Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches!

#### **White Cane Safety Awareness Day Cocktail Reception**

- ☐ October 15, 2025
- ☐ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- ☐ Tutto Fresco, Port St. Lucie

#### **Lighthouse Goes Wild for the Holidays!**

- ☐ Saturday, November 15, 2025
- ☐ Busch Wildlife Sanctuary
- ☐ Lighthouse for the Blind invites you to support Lighthouse Goes Wild for the Holidays—a joyful, inclusive celebration honoring our clients and their families with warmth, wonder, and community.

## 5th Annual EnVision 20/20 Luncheon

- ☐ Wednesday, March 25, 2026
- ☐ The Beach Club on Palm Beach
- ☐ Join us for an elegant luncheon featuring a tea cup auction, exquisite dining, and a keynote address—all in support of the only local Lighthouse for the Blind.

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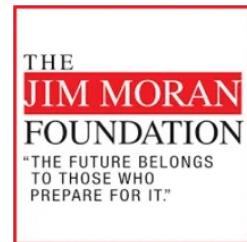
### Ongoing: First Wednesday of Every Month

#### “Let’s Chat” on Zoom

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

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