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Loyalty
to the mission,
organization,
and persons
served.

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Innovation
in the presence
of ever-changing
circumstances
and challenges.

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Growth
in expanding
our reach to
individuals
in need.

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Happiness
is the goal
we strive to
achieve for
those we serve.

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Teamwork
results when
values include
diversity and
inclusion.



**Providing Independence
for the Blind & Visually Impaired**

ANNUAL REPORT 2022
Art is for Everyone



Dear Friends of the Lighthouse,

Thank you for supporting the Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, not only in 2022 but over the 76 years! As we review the past year's events, there was a host of new accomplishments and many exciting changes to share with you. There was also a theme... of inclusion, community integration, awareness, and improving mental health of our clients and their loved ones.

Lighthouse acquired new grants which specifically impact blind and visually impaired adults, 55 years and older and their caregivers through engagement, socialization, recreation, and support services to maintain a healthy and more independent lifestyle. As a result of those grants, we launched the Activity Club and Family Caregiver Support Group.

Lighthouse also hosted the inaugural Art in the Dark, a multi-sensory art event under blindfold and a pre-party event which included painting under blindfold, instructed by a teacher for the visually impaired.

Ans in March 2022, Lighthouse hosted the inaugural enVision 20/20 luncheon at the Sailfish Club of Florida in Palm Beach.

Though my term as Board Chair has come to a close, I want to thank you for your generosity and commitment to the Lighthouse. It is only with your support that the Lighthouse is able to continue its legacy of service to our community.

After eight years of service as Chair of the Board of Directors, I have taken on a new role; Board Treasurer. This new role will allow me to utilize my professional skill set in continued service to the Lighthouse and support the transition to new leadership. Assuming the Board Chair position is Mr. Robert ("Bob") Gregory. Bob has been a member of the Lighthouse Board of Directors for five years and has served on the Executive Committee for the past three years. He is an accomplished attorney whose leadership will push Lighthouse for the Blind to flourish even further.

It has been a pleasure and an honor serving this organization as the Board Chair, a role I will always treasure. Please consider making a gift to the Lighthouse. With your support, we can impact our community in a lasting way. Thank you for your continued support.

Best Regards,

Donte Mickens
Immediate Past Board Chair

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Cover photo: Art in the Dark attendees listening to the description of a famous painting on loan from Findlay Gallery. See more inside!

Activity and Focus Clubs

The Focus Club and Activity Club provides engagement, socialization, and recreational opportunities for adults 50 and over to maintain their independence, stay active and enjoy life.



◀ Activity Club participants complete a craft project at Board and Brush in Wellington, Florida.



▲ Activity Club Participants at an excursion to the Norton Museum and Art Gallery



▲ Educational speakers from community groups such as League of Women Voters, NAMI and Palm Beach County Health and Wellness came to share information with Focus Club participants.

Events

Art in the Dark

Art in the Dark, a multi-sensory art event. The Norton Museum of Art docents led blindfolded guests through four unique sensory rooms. Attendees were able to hear, touch, taste, and smell various art forms created by local artists.



▲ A pre-party event for Art in the Dark included a Paint and Sip evening. Attendees were led by a specialty-trained art teacher for the visually impaired who guided blindfolded guests through the process of painting their rendering of the Jupiter Lighthouse



▲ Art in the Dark attendees tactilely exploring glass, metal and mosaic art pieces created by local artists.

enVision 20/20 Luncheon

▼ Lighthouse hosted its inaugural enVision 20/20 luncheon founded and chaired by Maria Beaudouin, Page Ferrell and Roshan Massoumi, and was held at the Sailfish Club of Florida in Palm Beach.



▲ The elegant afternoon featured a Champagne and Wine Teacup Auction, lunch, a keynote address. Entertainment was provided by visually impaired, Palm Beach favorite, pianist David Crohan.



Youth Services

Youth receive instruction and participate in activities that help prepare for their futures. This includes community exploration, mobility skills, independent living skills, technology training and career exploration. Activities are incorporated into fun camps and activities throughout the year.



◀ Youth clients develop independent living skills through utilizing a shopping list for Thanksgiving care packages to donate to low-income families.

▼ Children and teen students visited Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral where they explored, got to see a launch simulation, and heard from a former astronaut. Participants stand by a large exhaust system of a space shuttle.



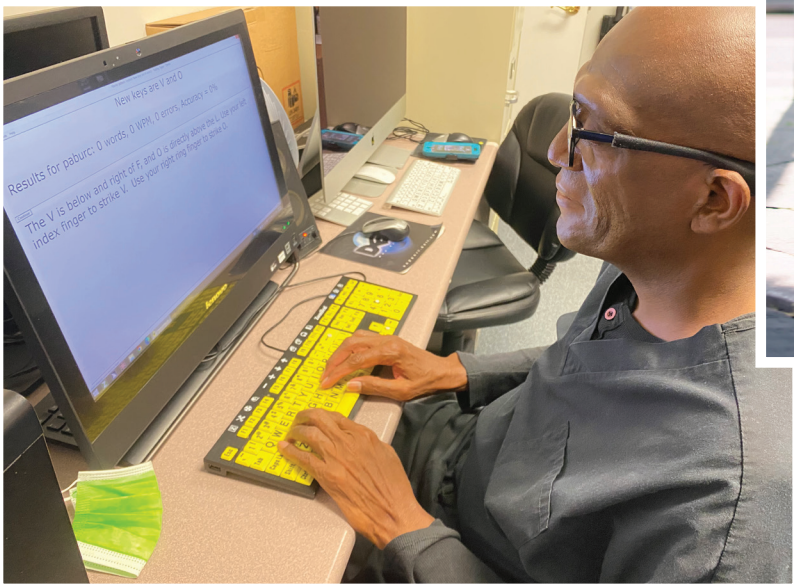
Adult Services

Adults receive instruction on how to accomplish the many tasks of daily living, safely and independently. Our certified staff teach adaptive skills for Personal Management, Home Management, Communication, Orientation and Mobility and Assistive Technology. With this training, participants are able to maintain their dignity, independence, and quality of life despite vision loss.



▲ Adult clients practicing kitchen safety skills at the center.

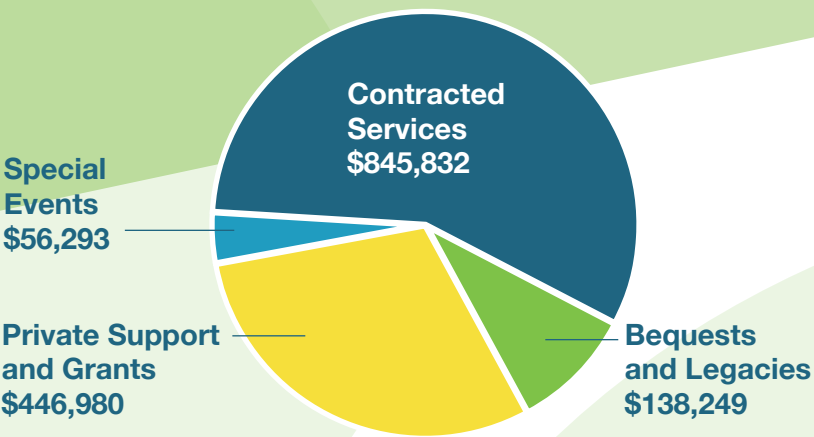
▼ Adult learning keyboarding skills



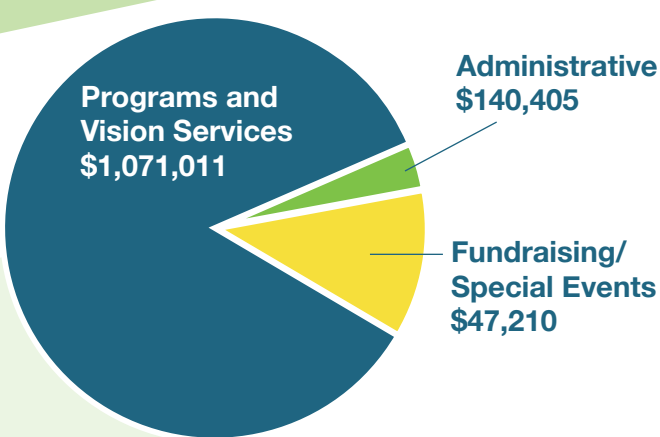
▲ Adult learning cane skills

Financials

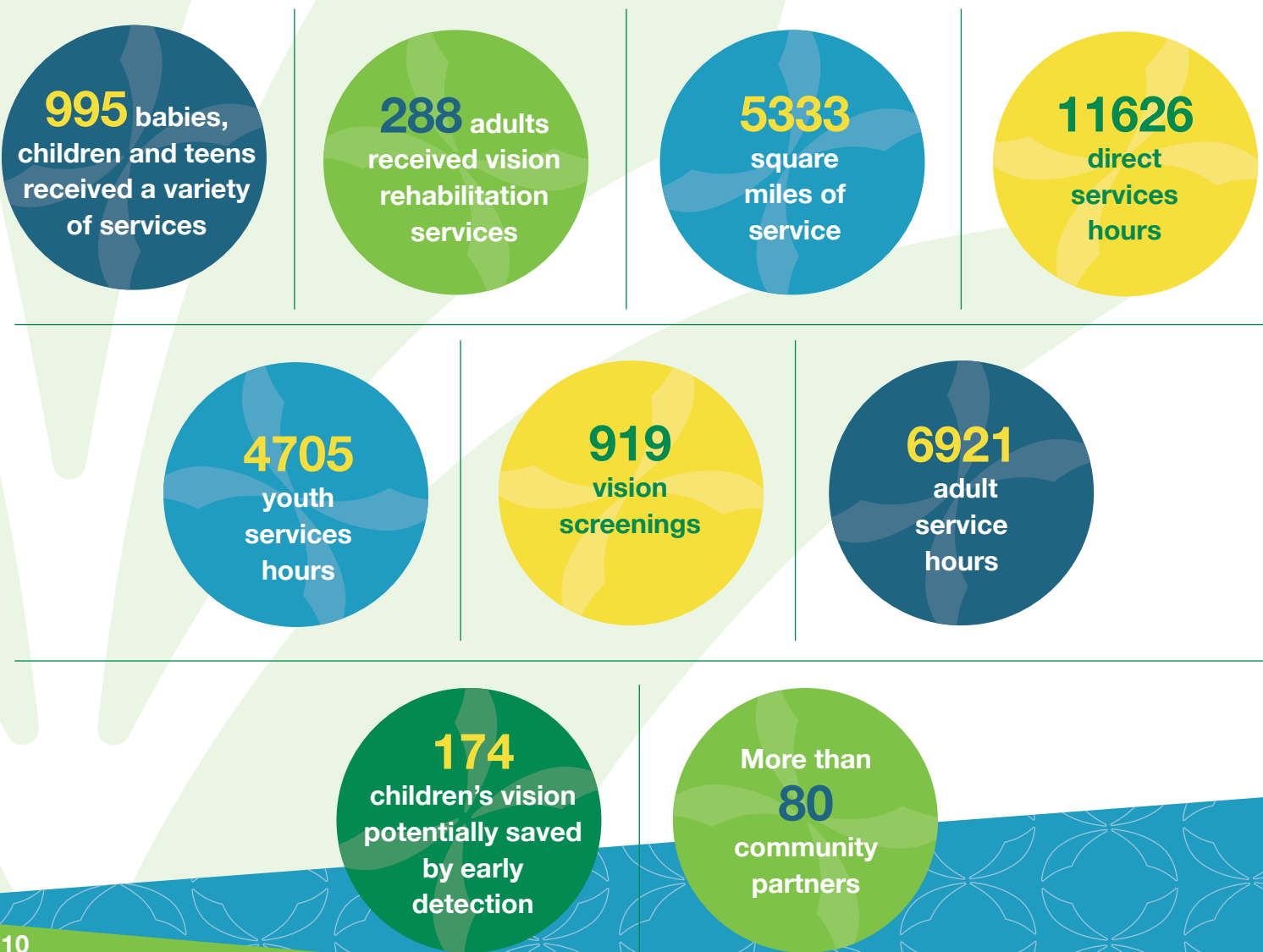
Total Revenue: \$1,487,354



Total Expenses: \$1,258,626



Program Stats



Lighthouse receives an impactful donation from the Honorable Judge Mary Lupo!

Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches was grateful to receive a generous donation from Judge Lupo in late 2022. This gift was made to highlight the impactful work that our staff performs daily. Judge Lupo was introduced to the Lighthouse when she accompanied a family member experiencing visual issues. She was not previously familiar with the Lighthouse or its programs but had a positive experience, after which she made the decision to donate her mandatory withdrawal from her IRA to the Lighthouse. She restricted the gift to 100% for staff bonuses. She felt that the staff deserved to be rewarded for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to helping individuals with vision loss.

We want to thank Judge Lupo for her generosity and for setting the tone for transformational giving at Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches!

Donations can be made in many ways:

- Donate the required minimum distributions from traditional IRAs
- Stocks and Dividends
- Bequests
- In Memory Of _____
- In Honor Of _____

For more information on donating to the Lighthouse, please contact our Director of Marketing and Development, Whitney Erasmus, at werasmus@lhpb.org and/or 561-586-5600

Save the Date

2nd Annual Art in the Dark

TIME	DATE
6:00-8:30pm	October 25th, 2023

LOCATION
Lake Pavilion 101 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL

Have you ever imagined how a blind or visually impaired person interprets art? Imagine no more! We invite you to join us for an inclusionary art event, Art in the Dark.

3rd Annual enVision 20/20 Luncheon

TIME	DATE
11:30am-2:00pm	March 21, 2024

LOCATION
Sailfish Club 1338 N. Lake Way, Palm Beach, FL

The enVision 20/20 Luncheon supports the only local Lighthouse for the Blind. The elegant afternoon includes a champagne and wine teacup auction, plated lunch, keynote address and entertainment by a visually impaired musician.