

RESCUE & RECOVERY

JANUARY
2023
HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

CELEBRATING THE MIGHTY THINGS GOD HAS DONE!

We are so thankful to God and to our supporters who have helped us make exciting strides in 2022. Because of your generosity throughout the year Lighthouse Ministries was able to:

- Meet the physical and spiritual needs of more than 10,000 people.
- After-school kids clubs were offered, year-round, from three locations.
- Plant City Thrift Store was renovated and has re-opened.
- Additional funding was raised for construction of five Next Steps housing apartments.



Lighthouse Ministries is currently bottlenecked in our recovery program, as we struggle to find space to bring more people into our programs that provide a continuum of life-giving services and care. The absence of housing for those who have completed the program but are still housed at Lighthouse has two negative effects: it prohibits adding new recovery clients at entry points due to limited space, and it blocks the long-hoped-for progression for those who are ready to take their courageous next steps.

To address this bottleneck the Next Step Housing Apartments include three 2-bedroom homes and two 3-bedroom homes. These townhomes will be home to clients who have completed the program, are employed, and have saved \$5,000. These homes will allow Lighthouse to hold these clients close and provide wrap-around services for them and their children as they live on their own.

We praise the Lord that through generous donors this building project is now fully funded, and we look forward to having the apartments built this year. Please be in prayer for the logistics and permits that are needed in these final stages. Stay tuned for information on the upcoming groundbreaking.



A little over two years ago the Lighthouse Ministries Thrift Store in Plant City had to be shut down due to a damaged ceiling.

In those two years we have not only been able to completely renovate the store without incurring any new debt, but we have also paid off the mortgage on the property.

We had the Grand Re-opening Ribbon Cutting on January tenth. Stop by and say Hi while finding a great bargain or donating your unneeded treasures!

ESL CLASSES GROWING IN YBOR CITY

At the Kimmins Ybor Adult Learning Center, speakers of other languages are learning confidence in their everyday English conversations. As part of the class Cheryl Hart sent the students an invitation in English for a breakfast social to which they had to RSVP in English. Conversations during the breakfast focused on topics covered so far in class. It was also an opportunity to learn what was happening in their lives.

Cheryl was amazed to hear students not only practicing their English in their workplace but becoming unafraid to ask questions as to correct pronunciations and wanting to know and learn more. We look forward to not only continuing, but growing these classes and taking opportunities to communicate the Gospel.



CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOY DISTRIBUTION

Thanks to your support, Lighthouse Ministries and two-dozen ministry partners, including the Lighthouse Xtreme Kids Clubs, were able to distribute almost nine hundred Christmas food boxes and turkeys to those in need in our community.

Your generosity also enabled us to host two special Christmas meals at the Men's Gospel Rescue Mission for 280 people.

This year we supplied toys for 758 children (a record number). We were so blessed by the many in our community who donated toys to meet the large need this year.

More importantly, we were able to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor and at-risk population of West Central Florida. We, and those we serve, give thanks to God and to you for your faithful giving!



CELEBRATING THE IMPACT IN 2022 FINALS

271,019

Nutritious Meals Provided

588

Homeless Sheltered (Non-Duplicate)

9,501

Individuals Served

3,877

Gospel Communications

44,298

Nights of Shelter

124

Life Learning Residents Served

149

Community Homeless Housed or Stabilized

186

Faith Decisions

THANK YOU!



For more information on the ministries of Lighthouse go to

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Your generosity creates Rescue and Recovery environments for at-risk people where they can experience dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel!