

# The Beacon

Official Newsletter of The Lighthouse

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# **CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY**



**W**e first met Peggy at The Lighthouse Community Center when she was visiting our food bank. Since our first introduction, Peggy has continued to return to the Community Center for chapel, services, support groups, and other events. She enjoys shopping at our Family Thrift Store. She loves visiting and often recruits her friends to come with her.

Peggy's story might be similar to some of yours: a single mom struggling through life, just trying to make ends meet. Growing up with her brothers near Elkhart, IN, Peggy attended Sunday School at her local church. Sadly, her parents passed away when she was younger. Her older brother went on to become a pastor, while her other brother moved to Texas. Soon after, Peggy had a son. "My son is the best thing that has happened to me," she says. Raising her son as a single parent was challenging, and she worked 30 years as a nurse's aid to support him. Looking back, Peggy is able to see how the challenges she faced have made her stronger. She is now retired and spends her time creating art, connecting with friends, and visiting The Lighthouse Community Center. "As an artist," she says, "I see things differently; I see beauty in nature, kindness in people. I want to give back." Peggy will often come to the Community Center with a recent art piece that she has created, giving it to us as a gift. We are thankful for Peggy and the connection we have made with her.

We are thrilled to connect with those in our community like Peggy. Having services to offer—such as the food bank and clothing vouchers to our Family Thrift Store—gives us the opportunity to share Jesus with them while meeting their physical needs. Thanks to the **generous giving** of your time, talents, and treasure, we continue to reach those in our community with the love of Jesus, meeting both their physical and spiritual needs.



In 2022...

225 FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SERVED 7,445 POUNDS OF FOOD HAVE BEEN GIVEN



OVER \$3,000 IN CLOTHING VOUCHERS
HAVE BEEN GIVEN

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### SAVE THE DATE!

THE LIGHTHOUSE WANTS TO THANK THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICIALLY SERVED ALONGSIDE US AS VOLUNTEERS.

ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUESTED TO JOIN US FOR A COMPLIMENTARY VOLUNTEER DINNER DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2022

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER 3000 E. STATE BLVD. FORT WAYNE, IN 46805

\*DINNER PROVIDED BY GIORDANO'S REGISTER AT: LIGHTHOUSEVOLUNTEERDINNER2022.EVENTBRITE.COM





#### WHEN:

YOU'RE INVITED:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2022

#### TIME:

6:00-8:30 P.M.

#### LOCATION:

THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER 3000 F. STATE BLVD.

FORT WAYNE, IN 46805

\*Cost is \$25 per person, kids under 10 are FREE \*HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES AVAILABLE

RSVP BY REGISTERING ONLINE AT:

LIGHTHOUSECELEBRATION2022.EVENTBRITE.COM

## BECAUSE OF YOU...

As God continues to grow The Lighthouse we have been blessed to expand our services. Not only are we able to help men who struggle with addiction, but we also help their families and others in our community by offering support, encouragement, and connection through a wide variety of services and resources. We have the privilege of being Jesus' hands and feet each and every day. But, we cannot do it without the support of each and every one of you.

Your time, talent, and treasure are vital to the growth and support of The Lighthouse.

Will you prayerfully consider giving to meet our needs? We are most in need of financial support and food to help keep our Food Bank stocked. Can your church or small group sponsor a food drive? Would you or your business be willing to make a financial contribution to sponsor one of the many services we provide? We truly appreciate your generous hearts and donations. May God continue to bless you as He blesses us!

Serving Him,

Pastor Brandon Rower