



Lighthouse Promise, Inc.
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Letter to Our Friends

Dear Friends,

As we approach 2021 with much anticipation, we also look back on 2020 filled with humble gratitude for your investment in Lighthouse Promise, Inc., DBA Lighthouse Academy at Newburg, Lighthouse Community Center, and Lighthouse Athletic Center with each serving the community in a special way. We would also like to thank Wendell Townsend for his years of service as our Chairman of the Board and welcome Dan Cox as our 2021 Board Chairman.



As you peruse this report, you will see that we are delivering the promise we made to you, our community and stake holders. We continued our efforts as a quality Out of School Time program aiding students academically, emotionally, and socially. Lighthouse has been commissioned a **BLOCStar** and on **JCPS Louisville Linked/211** system to make sure all students who need us, locate us. We are participants in **United Community**. We are also participating in the **3rd Grade Reading Pledge!** We are partners with the **FACE IT** program whose goal is to wipe out Child Abuse in Louisville. Lighthouse staff sit on the Boards of **BLOCS** (Building Louisville's Out of School Coordinating System) and **Alliance for Youth** (formerly the Youth Delinquency Prevention Council). In addition, Lighthouse meets all 20/20 Better Business Bureau Charity Accountability Standards. **All our programs serve students at NO CHARGE!**

During the pandemic, Lighthouse is functioning as a Learning Hub where we are hosting safe in person programming aiding students with their NTI (nontraditional instruction). Following NTI, if time allows, students receive our OST programming including youth development programming, social emotional learning, as well as meals and snacks each day. We also have offered virtual learning with teacher phone calls/texts, social media story times, virtual field trips, enrichment sent to the home, etc. Lighthouse has continued to be a major support to our students and their families by keeping them connected with Jefferson County Public Schools, making sure our students have Chromebooks or computers, access to internet, access to additional daily help, mental health connections via United Community, along with a lot of different learning experiences via our social media. Safety of staff and students continue to be our utmost concern. We follow all CDC guidelines and add more including NO VISITORS or even parents in our building. We plan to continue being open as a Learning Hub for as long as needed.

We are very thankful for how we have pivoted in these unprecedented times and for all we have accomplished and wish to thank each of you for your help in 2020.

Thank you!

Mission:

The mission of Lighthouse Academy at Newburg is to provide youth in our community a safe place to learn and grow through educational, spiritual, and economic programs.

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Lighthouse Academy at Newburg is to provide experiences that will foster a love for lifelong learning.

Highlights





This year has been unprecedented with the Covid-19 pandemic. Until mid-March, Lighthouse functioned as our usual Out of School Time program M-Th from 2:20-6pm each night. We averaged 80 students night. In March, all came to a screeching halt. In order to pivot to help our families, Lighthouse turned to virtual programs, phone calls with families, and keeping connected to JCPS with Evolve 502 and the Out of School Time Council. We hosted a virtual summer program and utilized our Facebook page for story times, virtual field trips, STEM learning, and so much more. We continued to stay connected with students with phone calls, texts, and as a food site during our summer programming. In the fall, Lighthouse opened up during the day as an NTI (Non-Traditional Instruction) Learning Hub through JCPS and Evolve 502. We offer FREE NTI help and then following NTI time, offer **educational and Youth Development programs**. Pre pandemic we offered items such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math); Reading enrichment; College and Career Readiness programs; peace building programs; Junior Achievement, Virtual speakers that encompass the community teaching on careers and college experiences; 4H; Child Psychologists; Karate; Basketball; Cheerleading; HALO (our girls Saturday mentoring program); Boys 2 Men (our boys Saturday mentoring program); Robotics, Coding, music classes; art classes; a full GED program; Club time teaching things like: Photography, STEP Dance, Gardening, computer, book club, and more. During the pandemic, we continue to offer some of these programs as we are able to safely.



We continue to partner with JCPS, Evolve 502, Metro United Way, and Metro Louisville to ensure a quality program. Lighthouse has been commissioned a **BLOCStar** and on **JCPS Louisville Linked/211** system to make sure all students who need us, locate us. We are participants in **United Community**. We are also participating in the **3rd Grade Reading Pledge!** We are partners with the **FACE IT** program whose goal is to wipe out Child Abuse in Louisville. Lighthouse staff sit on the Boards of **BLOCS** (Building Louisville's Out of School Coordinating System) and **Alliance for Youth** (formerly the Youth Delinquency Prevention Council). In addition, Lighthouse meets all 20/20 Better Business Bureau Charity Accountability Standards. We are a member of the OST Council which has been instrumental in helping us pivot during the pandemic. We were one of the **FIRST** organizations to become a **NO HIT ZONE** which means we do not allow any type of "hitting" within our building. **All our programs serve students at NO CHARGE!**

While things were different during the pandemic, we continue to do our best to provide fun, learning experiences including our very enjoyable Christmas party with pictures below.





NOTE: Lighthouse Promise, Inc. is approved by the Better Business Bureau Charitable Review Committee.

Program Impact

Lighthouse Student Average Attendance at JCPS: 100% vs JCPS Average Attendance 94.3%

Fall 2020 NTI Grades: 100% of the student we served during NTI performed at either an “S” or above for non- letter grades and a “B” or above letter grade.

- **Fall 2019 to Spring 2020:** 87% of students attending 30 or more days showed an increase in at least one core subject area or obtained the new federal standards for “does not need improvement” (letter grades A, B or Satisfactory.)

EARLY ELEMENTARY: Fall Reading: 69% S or higher vs. Spring Reading: 75% S or higher; Fall Math: 91% S or higher vs. Spring Math: 92% S or higher (Currently 91% had a S or higher in Science, and 98% in Social Studies.)

UPPER ELEMENTARY: Fall Reading: 97% C or higher vs. Spring Reading: 100% C or higher; Fall Math: 78.5% C or higher vs. Spring Math: 84% C or higher. (Currently 100% had a C or higher in Science, and 96% in Social Studies.)

MIDDLE: Fall Language Arts: 96% C or higher vs. Spring Reading: 83% C or higher; Fall Math: 90% C or higher vs. Spring Math: 88% C or higher. (Currently 88% had a C or higher in Science, and 83% in Social Studies.)

- **KPrep 2019-2013:** Note: Testing was not performed in 2020.
READING: Distinguished and Proficient students have grown 13.4% over these years based on students attending more than one year. Our Novice students have decreased from 47.5% in 2013 to 24.6% in 2019. Current attendees: 34% Proficient/Distinguished based on the year prior to attending.
MATH: Distinguished and Proficient students have grown 20.4% over these years based upon students attending more than one year. Students continue to show growth from Novice from 43% in 2013 to 19.2% in 2019. Current attendees: 24.5% Proficient/Distinguished based on the year prior to attending.
- Surveys from teachers and students say:
 - a. 100% of Teachers believe their student has improved in either academics, behavior, and or engagement when/because of attending Lighthouse.
 - b. 72% of Teachers surveyed believe student showed improvement or did not need to improve turning in his/her homework.
 - c. 84% of Teachers believe that Lighthouse was instrumental in improving students’ academics
 - d. 86% of Students feel Lighthouse helps them do better in school
- The number one teacher comment on report cards say Lighthouse students are participating more in group discussions at class and behavior is improving.

Parent Letter

Lighthouse receives letters from parents that exemplify the change in students after attending our program. Please read one such letter:

From: **T White** <thomisha25@icloud.com> Date: Thu, Sep 10, 2020 at 10:36 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is T. White. I have 3 children who attend Price elementary and also attend the Lighthouse after school. My children are somewhat new to the Lighthouse. They started in the summer of 2019 in the summer program. When we got the call from Ms. Cleopatra saying there was a spot for them it was literally a breath of fresh air. At the time, my children had been thru so much. On April 22, 2019 I woke up to get ready for work and get my children ready for school and I received a call from a hospital saying I need to come there to identify someone. It was my father. He had been hit the day before while riding his motorcycle. That morning our world instantly turned upside down.

Then a month later, my neighbor fell asleep while smoking and burned down our apartment building. My children and I went home. We had to run out in our pajamas and watch everything we owned go up in smokes. Literally. We had nowhere to live. We had no money. We had nothing. So in June when we got the call that my children could come to the Lighthouse I was overjoyed because their world had been so chaotic, this would be a constant. We slept here and there but everyday they knew they would go to the Lighthouse and learn, and make friends, and just be kids. Not a care in the world. That's what the Lighthouse has done for me.

I initially thought of this as just an after school program but it's indeed more. Ms. Cynthia and her team are more than just a director and teachers to my kids, they are family. I get off work at 5:30pm everyday, my father would always get my kids after school for me. The Lighthouse now stands in to fill that void for my children and I. I don't worry about my children when they are in the care of Ms. Cynthia and her team. Another example of how the Lighthouse is much more than just an after school program is, my daughter plays sports for her school. One game in walks Ms. Cynthia to support her. The Lighthouse hours were over. She didn't have to attend that sporting event for my daughter. I took that as a testament that she really loves what she does and she's great it.

The Lighthouse is family to my family and so many more. Ms. Cynthia and her team had no idea of my situation when we arrived to them, they took my children in and had loved them ever since. We NEED the Lighthouse. It's so much more than just an after school program.

Notes for BLOCS External Assessor: 3/11/2020 (Lighthouse has an External Assessor look at our program two times per year.)

"Your overall average was an impressive 4.6/5.0. Lighthouse Academy Staff provide an excellent array of life-skills building activities for young people within a best practices framework of social and emotional learning. The staff truly care about youth and it shows in the smiles and affection traded freely from all yesterday during my assessment."



Lighthouse Athletic Center

Leagues, Skills Camps, Open Gym, and More:

Contact Eugene Davis for information.



In 2020, due to the pandemic and safety restrictions, we did not host our basketball play beginning in March 2020, nor did we rent our gym. We hope to resume normal operations some time in 2021. In a normal year, we offer Fall and Winter seasons basketball play to include leagues and tournaments. Our programs not only teach the sport, but also teach discipline and behavior modification. Our gym programs aim to mold students into stronger athletes with a solid sense of discipline, all in a loving, caring environment. Gym rental is available for different events ranging from practice times to non-alcoholic parties and events. We are more than just a Gym but a place for the community to come together.



Fund Raisers:

GOLF SCRAMBLE: The Middletown United Methodist Men held another Middletown Masters golf scramble to benefit the Lighthouse Academy at Newburg this year on Aug. 17th at Oldham County Country Club. The final numbers are in and the **golf scramble** raised **\$15,620 for Lighthouse**. What a fun time was had by all who came to participate in, or volunteer for, this year's event. The weather was perfect, and they were able to practice "social distancing" to keep everything as safe as they could, given the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. They had 91 players in this year's event. Lighthouse wants to give a big "thank you" to the Middletown Methodist men who have been doing this for many years. Over the past 11 years, they have donated almost \$185,000 through this event.

GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE: This one day online giving was held on September 17, 2020. A HUGE GRAND TOTAL of \$46,485 (which includes 5 donor matches during the day, one company match, and prize pool money). We had a total of 96 total donors on this ONE DAY!

CHICK FIL A TRUE INSPIRATION AWARD WINNER: This is a regional award amounting to \$50,000 and was announced 12/15/2020.

Thank You!

Thank you for your support of our programs since September 1999. We attribute our success to a strong staff, involved Board, community partnerships, church organizations, and many funders and volunteers within our community. **If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please contact us at 502-964-5909.**

**Please like us on Facebook -Lighthouse Academy at Newburg
and visit our website www.thelighthousecenter.org !**

Lighthouse Privacy Policy:

Your privacy is important to us. To better protect your privacy, we provide this notice explaining our information practices. Our privacy policy is simple: we collect no information about you unless you choose to provide that information to us. In addition, we do not give share sell, or transfer any personal information about you to any third party. To prevent unauthorized access, maintain accuracy, and ensure the correct use of information, we have put in place procedures to safeguard and secure any information we collect. If you have questions about our privacy practices, please contact us at either the postal address or phone number posted on this annual report.



Finances and Budget

As part of our Annual Report enclosed are operating budget figures showing actual operating income and expenses for 2019 and budgeted figures for 2020.

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Revenues and other Support (a)	\$557,937	\$467,300
Expenses		
Program	331,064	396,000
Administration	56,492	67,100
Fund Raising Cost	866	4,200
Total Expenses (a)	\$388,422	\$467,300
Net Income/Loss	\$169,515	0

(a) Includes donated services and goods as reflected on following page.

2021 Estimated Value of Donations in Kind

Accounting Services	\$20,000
Food	37,500
Program Costs	33,100
Total	\$90,600

Total Lighthouse Assets 12/31/20

Total Assets	\$ 2,331,077 (a)
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,440
Net Assets	\$ 2,321,637

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 2,331,077

(a) Our 18,600 Sq.Ft. Lighthouse Promise, Inc. building is operating at full capacity. The building is completely paid for.

2021 Board of Directors:

Dan Cox - Chair –Lighthouse Board of Directors
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Wendell Townsend	Rhynia Weaver	Cynthia Wyatt

We Need Your Help!

Every Penny Matters Please consider donating to Lighthouse Promise, Inc. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole McGill or Nancy Parker at 502-964-5909. You can mail your donation to:

5312 Shepherdsville Road

Louisville, KY 40228

Or PayPal online donation at

http://www.thelighthousecenter.org/online_donation.aspx

To Volunteer:

Please contact Cynthia Overall at 502-964-5909