



Lighthouse Promise, Inc.
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Annual Report

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Letter to Our Friends



Dear Partners and Friends,

In 2023, we encountered both challenges and successes which increased our gratitude for your partnership and investment in Lighthouse Promise, Inc., DBA Lighthouse Academy at Newburg, Lighthouse Community Center, and Lighthouse Athletic Center. One of the largest challenges was the lack of JCPS bus service to our facility. Our Board of Directors acted in record time and purchased 2 large vans, hired drivers, and worked with schools nearby, to arrange pick up at 9 different schools. (We are working on our 10th school at the writing of this annual report). We send a huge thank you to our Board, our staff, and YOU, our stakeholders!

As you will see as you peruse this report, we are delivering the promise we made to you, our community and stake holders. We continue our efforts as a QUALITY Out of School Time program aiding students academically, emotionally, and socially. We are a commissioned quality **STAR program** through the Youth Service Network (YSN) and Youth Engagement Services (YES) due to our focus on research driven programming including academics (such as literacy, STEM, and College/Career Readiness), Arts programs, and a wide variety of Social Emotional learning programs. We are participants in **the United Community** linking our families to community help. 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 **OTC** (Out of School Time Council, **YSN** (Youth Success Network), **Louisville Youth Opportunity**, 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!**

We want to thank YOU, along with our staff, our working Board of Directors including our Chairman, Dan Cox, and our students and their families for all the help throughout this past year. We are very thankful for our continued growth and success, and we wish to thank each of you for your help in 2023!

We look forward to your continued partnership in 2024! 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



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We were pleased to be able to operate our Out of School Time Learning Program focusing on each child’s individual needs in the spring of 2023 without any interference by Covid 19! In the Fall of 2023, due to JCPS bus shortage, we purchased 2 large vehicles to transport students from their JCPS school to our facility. Throughout the school year and summer, we continued to offer **educational and Youth Development programs** along with partnerships allowing us **many Social Emotional Learning program** opportunities. These included but are not limited to Jay Cee’s Table, Bounce Coalition, Looking for Lillith, Drama by George and more. We hosted a **FREE themed summer program** called, “Together we Rise” focusing on each unique child’s academic and social emotional needs with the goal of uniting families and violence prevention. We offer items such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math); Reading enrichment; College and Career Readiness programs; peace building programs; violence prevention programs, Junior Achievement, 4H; Social Emotional Learning Programs (partnering with Looking for Lillith, Bounce Coalition and others), Karate; Basketball; Cheerleading; HALO ; Boys 2 Men; Robotics, Coding, music classes; art classes; a full GED and full ESL programs; Club time teaching things like: Photography, Dance, Gardening, computer, book club, and more.



We partner with JCPS, Metro United Way, and Metro Louisville to ensure a quality program. We also have been commissioned a **BLOCStar** and on **Louisville Linked/211** system. We are participants in **the 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 **Newburg Anti-Violence Coalition Team** and **YES Network** through OSCN, **Youth Success Network** (Formerly BLOCS- Building Louisville’s Out of School Coordinating System), **Youth Opportunity**, and **Alliance for Youth** (formerly the Youth Delinquency Prevention Council) plus a member of the **OST Council** which unites OST programs in the area. We were one of the **FIRST** organizations to become a **NO HIT ZONE**. We are approved by the **Better Business Bureau Charitable Review Committee** and meet all 20/20 Better Business Bureau Charity Accountability Standards. All our programs serve students at **NO CHARGE!**



Our Health and Back to School Fair served nearly 1000 people in 2023!



Program Impact

DATA AT A GLANCE:

- Lighthouse Student Average Attendance at JCPS: 97.2% vs JCPS Average Attendance 94.3%
- **Fall 2022 to Spring 2023:** 90% of students attending 30 or more days showed an increase in at least one core subject area or obtained the federal standards for “does not need improvement” (letter grades A, B or Satisfactory.)

EARLY ELEMENTARY: Spring Reading: 59% S or higher; Spring Math: 73% S (Currently 89% had an S or higher in Science, and 89% had a S or higher in Social Studies.)

Upper Elementary and MIDDLE: Spring Reading/Language Arts: 92% C or higher; Spring Math: 92% C or higher. (Currently 100% had a C or higher in science, and 100% C or higher in Social Studies.)

The number one teacher comment on report cards say Lighthouse students are more confident in group discussions and behavior is improving.

On August 5, 2023, Lighthouse Health and Back to School Fair served 912 people giving away 600 Pure Tap Water Bottles, 700 free lunches from JCPS Bus Café, 80 free dental checks from Kare Mobile Dental Clinic, 118 free sports and back to school physicals, 200 free vision screenings from the South Oldham Lions Club, 783 free backpacks full of school supplies. (We had 60 total volunteers).

Testimonials

Please read excerpts from testimonials in 2023:

From Student B: "I wish Lighthouse would never close. I need you to stay open all the time." (We asked why?). "Because at least I know I will receive a warm welcome, hug, a meal and would always be in a safe place."

Parent 1: Lighthouse has always been so very supportive of our family. Mrs. Cynthia always makes sure my children are included. My son was reluctant about attending the afterschool program and I was afraid to let him come. Since he's been there, his English has improved, and he hates to leave. I can't pick him up early or else he will have a fit. I am grateful for this program and the staff. They never made a difference in the color of his skin nor his nationality.

Parent 2: My son spent most of his early childhood in Africa. I sent him back there for my parents to help because childcare was so expensive. He just came back this year, as a kindergartner and it's been a cultural shock for him. I was sending him to the afterschool program at JCPS, but it was putting us in a financial bind. Mrs. Cynthia called me and asked me if I'd like him to attend, my daughters attended until they got older, without hesitation, I said yes. He's a handful but they have been so patient with him. I honestly don't know where this community would be without positive programs like this to aid in the growth and development of our children.

Parent 3: This year has definitely been a difficult year for us. The Lighthouse staff had been so very helpful. Mrs. Cynthia has always made it her business to know us outside of the afterschool program. She always ask how we're doing and makes sure to talk to us and listen to us. The Lighthouse team has been a blessing to us and to know that they all genuinely care, makes things a lot easier. I'm grateful for every person that gives of themselves to make the Lighthouse such a caring and safe place....not only for our kids but for the parents too.

FROM BLOCS External Assessor: March 2023

"Your overall average is impressive. Lighthouse staff appear to be providing great support of student needs along with providing an excellent selection of building young adult life-skills within a best practices framework of social and emotional learning. Your staff care about the youth you are serving and it shows in the affection and caring that they express freely during my assessment as well as following as we sit and chat."

Lighthouse Athletic Center

**Leagues, Skills Camps, Open Gym, and More:
Contact Eugene Davis for information.**



We are in full swing with our basketball play and gym rentals. We are excited to be back to normal with our basketball activity including basketball practice rentals and leisure basketball rentals. We host gym rental for additional events such as non-alcoholic parties and events. We are more than just a gym but a place for the community to come together. We offer fall and winter seasons basketball play to include leagues and tournaments. Our programs not only teach sport, but also teach discipline and behavior modifications. Our gym programs aim to mold students into stronger athletes with a solid sense of discipline, all within a loving caring environment.



Fund Raisers:

GOLF SCRAMBLE: The Middletown United Methodist Men held the Middletown Masters Golf Scramble to benefit the Lighthouse Academy at Newburg this year on Aug. 21st at Oldham County Country Club. The final numbers are in and the **golf scramble** raised **\$12,980.61** for Lighthouse. We are very appreciative of our long-term partnership and want to THANK the Middletown Methodist men who have been doing this for many years. Over the past 15 years, they have donated \$231,175 through this annual event.

GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE: This 24 hour online giving day was held on September 14, 2023. A HUGE GRAND TOTAL of almost \$40,000 (which includes 4 donor matches, one company match through Cross Jeep, and prize pool money). We would like to thank Joe Cross of Cross Jeep for his continued partnership!

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 2023 and budgeted figures for 2024.

	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Revenues and other Support (a)	622,100	500,900
Expenses		
Program	439,900	409,200
Administration	86,400	80,300
Fundraising Cost	6,200	11,400
Total Expenses (a)	532,500	500,900
Net Income	89,600	0

(a) Includes estimated value of donated services and goods.

2024 Estimated Value of Donations in Kind

Accounting Services	\$26,000
Food	21,000
Program Costs	32,000
Total	\$79,000

Total Lighthouse Assets 12/31/23

Total Assets	2,383,140 (a)
Total Liabilities	16,796
Net Assets	2,366,344
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	2,383,140

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

2024 Board of Directors:

Dan Cox - Chair –Lighthouse Board of Directors
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We Need Your Help!

Every Penny Matters Please consider donating to Lighthouse Promise, Inc. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Parker at 502-964-5909.

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PayPal online donation at
http://www.thelighthousecenter.org/online_donation.aspx

To Volunteer:
Please contact Cynthia Overall at 502-964-5909

