



Lighthouse Promise, Inc.

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Annual Report

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Letter to Our Friends



Dear Partners and Friends,

During 2024, we encountered success while dealing with rising costs, added transportation needs, and more. Our gratitude for your partnership and investment in Lighthouse Promise, Inc., DBA Lighthouse Academy at Newburg, Lighthouse Community Center, and Lighthouse Athletic Center increases each year! We continue to supply transportation to as many schools and students as possible along with providing FREE quality daily programming by trained and caring staff. Our programs provide data driven results as students' success continues to be our motivation. We send a huge thank you to our Board, our staff, and YOU, our stakeholders!

As the year ended, we said goodbye to our past Board Chairman, Dan Cox, and welcomed in our new Board Chair, Rhonda Cheek. We are so excited to have excellent leadership who have a heart for the children we serve.

As you peruse this report, you will notice that we are delivering the promise we made to you, our community and stakeholders. 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 **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, and our students and their families for all the help throughout this past year. We are very thankful for continued growth and success, and we wish to thank each of you for your help in 2024!

We look forward to your continued partnership in 2025! 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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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. We utilized these vehicles throughout 2024. We offered **Academic, Social Emotional Learning, and Youth Development programs** along with partnerships allowing us many different kinds of learning opportunities. These included but are not limited to Jay Cee's Table, Bounce Coalition, Looking for Lillith, ECHO, Stock Yard Bank Financial Literacy, and more. We offer programs such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math); Literacy; College and Career Readiness; peace building programs/violence prevention programs, JA, 4H; SEL Programs, Karate; Basketball; HALO; Boys 2 Men; music; art; a full GED and full ESL programs. We hosted a **FREE themed summer program** called, "Unity in Diversity: Exploring Cultures Together" focusing on each unique child's academic and social emotional needs with the goal of uniting families and violence prevention.



We partner with JCPS, Metro United Way, and Metro Louisville to ensure a quality program. We have also been commissioned a **BLOCStar** and on **Louisville Linked/211** system. 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 **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!**

KARATE NOTE: Master Celita Dillon, along with other adults and students, traveled to the Czech Republic to represent Team USA, Dillon's Karate, and Lighthouse Academy at an international Karate tournament hosting over 22,000 competitors from 34 countries! They also participate in regional tournaments where all the Karate students placed in the top 4 for Forms, Fighting, and Chambri. We received the Most Supportive School Award at Lighthouse Academy at Newburg!



Our Health and Back to School Fair served over 1200 people in 2024!



Program Impact

DATA AT A GLANCE:

- Lighthouse Student Average Attendance at JCPS: 97.2% vs JCPS Average Attendance 94.3%
- 2 out of every 3 elementary students are at or on track to proficiency in Reading and Math
- 100% of the same elementary students are at or on track to proficiency in Science and Social Studies
- 90% of intermediate/middle school students are at or on track to proficiency in Reading and Language Arts
- 4 out of 5 students in the same grades are at or on track to proficiency in Math, Science, and Social Studies
- None of our students have been suspended this year.

SRYB Data results (past and present) Processed through the Weikart Center as pre/post surveys

- Lighthouse uses the SRYB to understand and assess students for their SEL needs. Among the four domains assessed across our programming, students collectively increased their scores in three of the domains while remaining constant in the fourth. Students were assessed and showed an average increase in Expressing Emotional Knowledge (4% increase), Behaviorally Manages Emotion (14.3% increase), and Displays Goal-Striving Mastery (7% increase). Students collectively maintained their ability to Display Social-Role Mastery.

August 3, 2024 Lighthouse Health and Back to School Fair served 1233, gave away 975 Back Packs, over 80 physicals, 700 lunches, and had over 60 volunteers. We also gave vision screenings through Lions Eye.

Testimonials and Survey Feedback

Student feedback (surveys)

- Most of the students reported that if they didn't attend programs at Lighthouse, they would most likely be at home engaging in non-academic activities, consuming large amounts of screen time on electronics, or be home alone.
- This resulted in the majority of students articulating that they want to be at Lighthouse because they want to be in a safe, nurturing, caring environment where they know they will be able to receive academic help, be who they are (individuality), enjoy learning and school, and stay out of trouble.
- "Throughout my life, I could only imagine the things that I could accomplish. To be honest, I have surprised the little boy I used to be by the things I have done. I never dreamed I would be going to college and here I am almost ready to move onto campus. Lighthouse taught me that if I set my mind to doing something, I could get there. It sure is crazy, the things you can accomplish-but I am not done here. I plan to do much more and once I have my degree, I plan to take my career in cybersecurity into an even higher level."
- All but one student articulated there was a caring adult they could go to at Lighthouse and believed that this relationship was helpful in the community and at home (beyond Lighthouse)

Parent Survey Data (surveys)

- 90% of parents were extremely satisfied with the programming provided by Lighthouse
- 100% of parents reported their child(ren) had a positive attitude towards learning
- 100% of parents reported their child(ren) had increased sense of belonging and improved social-emotional well-being
- 100% of parents reported their child(ren) had a more positive attitude towards school
- "After the program, my daughter was noticeably better with her math and reading comprehension."
- "Lighthouse has helped (my child) her get a sense of who she really is."
- "My children are more confident doing (school) work."
- "My son has always done well in school, but Lighthouse gives him that extra push."
- "The teachers at Lighthouse all show love and hold students accountable to the choices they make. My family cannot thank you enough. I am a living example of the positive effect community involvement has on families."

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 host an array of basketball activities 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 the 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 September 16th at Oldham County Country Club. The final numbers are in, and the **golf scramble** raised **\$8,881.16** 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 16 years, they have donated \$240,056 through this annual event.

LINDSEY WILSON COLLEGE SINGERS In partnership with the Lindsey Wilson College singers, they performed a benefit concert for us on Oct. 20th at Middletown United Methodist Church raising approximately \$1,000. We thank them so much for sharing their time and talent.

GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE: This 24 hour online giving day was held on September 12, 2023. A HUGE GRAND TOTAL of almost \$40,000 (which includes 3 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 2024 and budgeted figures for 2025.

	Actual 2024	Budget 2025
Revenues and other Support (a)	689,751	582,450
Expenses		
Program	476,035	501,150
Administration	68,475	72,300
Fundraising Cost	6,516	9,000
Total Expenses (a)	551,026	582,450
Net Income	138,725	0

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

2025 Estimated Value of Donations in Kind

Professional Services	\$ 9,000
Food	24,000
Program Costs	17,000
Educational Program	5,000
Total	\$55,000

Total Lighthouse Assets 12/31/24

Total Assets	2,530,245 (a)
Total Liabilities	25,176
Net Assets	2,505,069
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	2,530,245

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

2025 Board of Directors:

Rhonda Cheek - 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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Or PayPal online donation at

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

To Volunteer:

Please contact Cynthia Overall at 502-964-5909

