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Lighthouse Academy at Newburg - A Site for Adult Education

JCPS ADULT EDUCATION: GED AND ESL CLASSES

While Lighthouse Academy at Newburg is predominantly an after-school program for Louisville youth, we also recognize the importance of adult education in our community. Lighthouse Academy at Newburg is a proud site for the JCPS Adult Education program in both Adult Basic Education (GED) and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

For the last seventy-five years, JCPS has strove to provide education for adults in Louisville. Funds for the program are secured through a grant with the state. The program must pass not only JCPS requirements, but also the Kentucky Department of Education. To enter, all adult students enroll under Adult Education and test in either TABE, a Test of Adult Basic Education, or CASAS, a test for ESL students. After forty hours of education, the students retest to show progress.

Lighthouse has been an Adult Basic Education site for close to ten years and very recently became a site for Lifeskills ESL classes. So far this year, Lighthouse has been a site for twenty-five students in GED classes and eighteen in ESL classes. "Lifeskills ESL classes range from literacy level students with little English or perhaps not literate in their native language so must learn a reading system to advanced level. Lifeskills classes cover topics on the community, shopping, health, government, job skills, economics, grammar, and conversation," said Susan Ward-Repishti, a JCPS Adult Education Instructor who works at the Lighthouse site. All students in both Adult Basic Education (GED) or ESL classes have access to a classroom at Lighthouse Academy at Newburg along with computers during their studies. Lighthouse Academy at Newburg also acts as a testing site for both GED and ESL students. Classes are reopening on Tuesday, August 2nd. Adults interested in enrolling can contact (502) 485-3400.

Adult education is an extremely important service to provide, and Lighthouse is proud to be a JCPS Adult Education site. "...Lighthouse has been a tremendous opportunity for adult learners in the area. We are so grateful for this site..." Susan concluded.

Upcoming Dates

Summer Camp

6/06/22 - 6/30/22

Back to School & Health Fair

8/06/22

Middletown Masters Golf Scramble (Lighthouse is the Benefiting Charity)

8/15/22

Give for Good Louisville

9/15/22





Becoming a Donor

A GUIDE TO GIVING: A FOUR-PART SERIES SHOWCASING WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Kathy Calvin said it best, "Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference." Becoming a donor can be an intimidating process for the first-time donor. However, many find it's not only easier than imagined, but an incredibly rewarding choice. In this segment of giving, we'll discuss how donations are used at Lighthouse Academy at Newburg and the ways to become a monetary Lighthouse Academy at Newburg donor.

The first step any donor should consider is what causes are important to you. Our opinion at Lighthouse Academy at Newburg, is your support should always be to a cause you are passionate about. In short, nonprofits are a tax-exempt organization that are created to provide help or contribute to creating a better community for people, locally or globally. At Lighthouse Academy at Newburg, we strive to give our local Louisville children a safe atmosphere where they can grow in education and spirit. We provide all our programs and services free of charge. Donations to Lighthouse Academy at Newburg go directly to support our after-school program, summer day program, service the building and classrooms, and to pay workers that care for the children.

Once you decide where you want to donate, the next step is to decide the amount and frequency you can contribute. Donations can be set up on whatever schedule is most convenient to the donor. Donors can contribute monthly, quarterly, or even once a year. Giving consistently though, even in small amounts, has a positive impact on a nonprofit. Monetary donations at Lighthouse can be mailed directly to our facility at 5312 Shepherdsville Road Louisville, KY 40228.

Donors can also utilize something called the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is a campaign that many nonprofits mail out at the end of the year. An Annual Fund will share what the organization has accomplished during the year along with a donation form or return payment form. This form will usually be setup as a one-time donation and includes various methods of payment such credit card, cash, or check.

The last option for Lighthouse Academy at Newburg monetary donors is through a community giving site called Give for Good Louisville. Lighthouse Academy at Newburg participates in this community fundraising platform where nonprofits and organizations raise money for their causes locally. Give for Good Louisville happens once a year and is a secure, online donation site. The 2022 Give for Good Louisville is on September 15th and can be found at <https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/>.

If you would like to become a donor and need assistance, please feel free to reach out to Development Director, Lorin McVey at (812) 686-1356 or lmvey@thelighthousecenter.org. Our next segment of giving will focus on other important methods of giving such as: in-kind donations, Amazon Smile, Kroger Community Rewards Program, and volunteerism.

Silent Auction Sneak Peak!

AT MIDDLETOWN
MASTERS GOLF
SCRAMBLE - 8/15/22

AUCTION ITEMS FROM
KENTUCKY'S OWN -
DARRELL GRIFFITH AND
DEREK ANDERSON



Student Spotlight

QUESTION & ANSWER

- Name: Kamry
- Grade: 4th but I am going into 6th.
(Kamry was excited to share that he tested out of his 5th grade class! Congratulations Kamry!)
- What's your favorite subject? I might say math.
It feels like I was born with the skill of math.
- What do you want to be when you grow up? I really want to be a professional basketball player. I like the action and the backstory of the players. For example, LeBron James. He missed 82 days in 4th grade but he grew up to be a successful player and billionaire.
- How long have you attended Lighthouse Academy at Newburg? Since Kindergarten. (5 years)
- How has Lighthouse Academy at Newburg impacted you? At this place, I'm surrounded by people that care about me. People helping me to become a better person and just improve on my future. Most kids don't get this opportunity. Some kids don't even go to school. Some kids don't have a school to go to, let alone an entire after school program...and a summer camp!
- What's your favorite memory at Lighthouse? It was during summer camp. I think it was in kindergarten going into 1st grade.... We got to go to Bernheim Forest.... We were walking through a trail in the forest, and I slipped in the mud and fell. There was a little slope you have to walk down and Ms. Cynthia told us to be careful and not slip.... That's probably my best memories from here because it teaches you that even though sometimes bad things can happen, you can turn it into something good.
- Why is Lighthouse important to kids across Louisville? Well, because there are people here that can help you with your homework, they tutor you, help you with school stuff. Like the gym and computer lab, those are places for just kids to be kids. Like at school, you can't pull out your phone or just get on your computers and play games. You can't just go to the gym and play basketball when you want to. Most kids don't even have computers!

