

RESCUE & RECOVERY MAY 2024

THRIFT STORES GIVE HOPE

Many of you know of and enjoy shopping at our thrift stores. We all love to find hidden treasures at great prices. The real treasure at the thrift stores is the hope that they give to those in our Life Learning Programs and HOPE Centers.

Below is a story shared by Michelle, one of our program alumni. She shared how your purchases and donations give hope that changes lives.

"Yesterday while working the register, two customers asked about how buying from the store helps the ministry, so I gave them my testimony.

I was overcome with so much gratefulness for Lighthouse Ministries. I had prayed for years to get my GED, I even enrolled twice at West Area Adult School years ago but quickly got discouraged. After almost two years taking the test while living at Lighthouse and the eighth time taking my math test, I finally passed. I recently found out I would walk to graduate on May 22nd this year!

One of my other blessings was that I struggled for years



getting a better car. Because of Lighthouse Ministries support while living there, I was able to save money and buy a nice car.

Another blessing was that five years ago my credit was 200, Mr. Steve Ogle suggested that I go to the bank to start building my credit back up. My credit by then had dropped to zero. With the Faith and Finance and Work Life classes, and the help of my case managers, I was able to start managing my money better. After six months, my credit is now 685! My credit has never been that good.

Because of my credit being excellent, I was able to get an apartment. I also have a job where everyone is close like family, and I can share the Gospel of Jesus Christ freely without losing my job.

These are just a small portion of the blessings that God has blessed me with, but my favorite one is the family that I gained through the ministry.

God has restored my hope through you and the power of the Gospel."

THE NEXT GENERATION GIVING HOPE!

Thank you Aubrey, the 10-year-old daughter of Katie Myers, a faithful member of the Lighthouse Spiritual Committee. Aubrey took it upon herself to collect food for Lighthouse Ministries. She created and passed out fliers to her neighbors and the office of Wilson Electric Company, where Katie works. Aubrey gathered the donations, and they brought them to Lighthouse to be used in the work of Rescue & Recovery.

Carlee Taylor donated the meat from her CFYIA Grand Champion steer to Lighthouse Ministries. Carlee once again put together a team to purchase the steer to be used to feed the Residents and overnight guests. Special thanks to Carlee Taylor and her Buyers Group: AgAmerica

Lending, Andy Mason, Champions Valley Brangus, Modern Constellation, FA Cattle Company, GKB Cattle, Chastain-Skillman, Lighthouse Support Anonymous Donors, Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home – Lew Hall Family, Luci Rogers Ketcham Law, Cracker Land & Cattle, TECO Tampa Electric – An Emera Company, Processing by Combee & Sons.

Charlotte Schaal and her dad, Tim, from Winter Haven delivered her wrapped and butchered pig. The pig was bought by Airtek Sprayers who are donating the meat to Lighthouse Ministries. We are blessed to be a part of such a generous community! Thank you Charlotte, Tim and Airtek!

What a blessing to see young people with a heart to Give Hope that Changes Lives!



Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

PUBLIX SERVES AT LIGHTHOUSE

We are thankful for the two groups from Publix who came to Lighthouse Ministries as a part of their "Publix Serves" program. Launched in 2015, Publix Serves is their community program uniting their more than 255,000 associates in community service efforts and turning their passion for service into action. What began as a single day of giving back is now an entire week, held twice a year – in the spring and fall.

Publix has been a faithful community partner for many

years. It is always a joy to work side-by-side with these wonderful people from their corporate purchasing and manufacturing departments. They worked hard cleaning, painting, organizing and preparing food for those we serve.

If you or your group would like to volunteer at Lighthouse Ministries, go to www.lighthousemin.org click the "I want to Help" link at the top for more information, as well as to apply to be a volunteer. You can also contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@lighthousemin.org.



CELEBRATING YOUR IMPACT THROUGH APRIL 2024

37,777

Nutritious Meals Provided

482

Homeless Sheltered (Non-Duplicate)

2,339

Individuals Served

1,390

Gospel Communications

12,461

Nights of Shelter

72

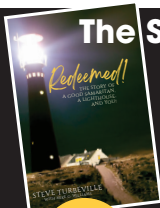
Life Learning Residents Served

69

Community Homeless Housed or Stabilized

31

Faith Decisions



The Story of a Good Samaritan, a Lighthouse, and You.

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