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**WHAT:** We teach Independent Living skills for getting around safely, safe cooking and household activities, and how to use devices to help you do the activities you are no longer doing because of your loss of vision and much more

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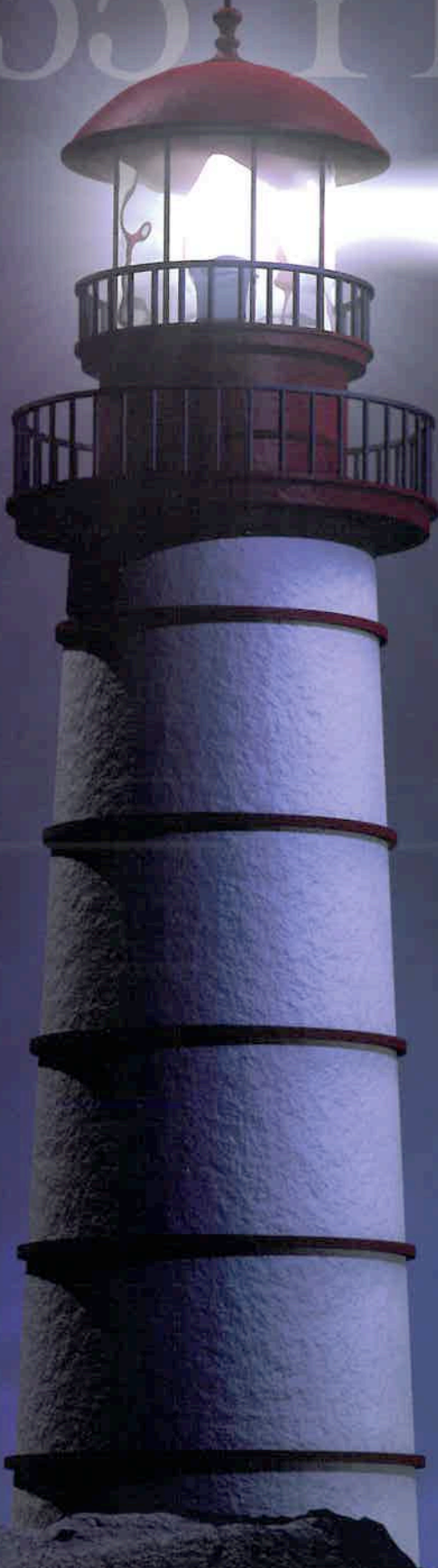
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# 35 YEARS



**LIGHTHOUSE**  
OF BROWARD

*Teaching Independence 35 Years Inspiring Hope*



Dear Friends, Clients and Supporters of the Lighthouse of Broward:

Thirty-Five years is a defining moment in the life cycle of an organization, much as it is for a person. It is full adulthood. It is knowing who you are, what your values are and producing results. This is the Lighthouse of Broward today: a highly skilled and dedicated staff, valuable and committed volunteers, a focused and energized board of directors.



Broward County needs the Lighthouse as never before. The challenges are substantial. This year, Broward County will have 81 babies born prematurely with a vision impairment. By 2030, more than 300,000 people in Broward over the age of 65 will have one or more eye conditions that could lead to enough vision loss to affect daily living skills and safety. School children, teens and working age adults also will continue to need the Lighthouse in order to make goals and achieve a successful role in school, jobs, their family and our community.

Our partnerships with the Division of Blind Services, United Way, Broward County Public Schools, Nova Southeastern University School of Optometry, Community Foundation of Broward and other major funders and philanthropists, as well as countless professionals in allied health and human service agencies, are keystones of our success and our strength.

As we celebrate 35 years of service to this community, we honor those agencies, individuals, foundations and businesses that have insured our longevity and success in serving so many who have discovered independence through training and education at the Lighthouse of Broward.

That solid history allows us to build an even stronger future. We must be prepared to accommodate the growing population of visually impaired citizens in our community. The more people we help become independent contributors to our society, the lower the long-term costs will be to all of us. Most important, the more lives will be enriched.

Thank you to our many dedicated volunteers and generous contributors, as well as our talented and experienced staff who works tireless every day to help make the daily lives of the people we serve better.

We look forward to enjoying many more decades of continued growth, development and success at making a difference.

Sincerely,

*Elly du Pré*

Dr. Elly du Pré  
Executive Director

## Brief History: Lighthouse of Broward

The Lighthouse began in 1973 as the brainchild of Gary Ambule from the Division of Blind Services and Henry Ryberg, a blind worker from the State of Florida. They envisioned a place where people with visual impairment could socialize and do arts and crafts. Harriet Swallow, a local artist and volunteer with the Broward Association for the Blind for 15 years, was recruited to organize the group. The organization grew quickly and soon needed larger space, which was provided by the Fort Lauderdale Lions Club.

A team of dedicated pioneers guided the Lighthouse for many years. Within seven years, the organization was able to purchase its own building, where it remains today, for \$245,000. The social and craft aspect of the programming continued through 2003, but the new facilities enabled the Lighthouse to begin offering adult education and rehabilitation services. By 1988, a five-day-a-week rehabilitation program was in full swing.

In 1993, thanks to a generous donation from Lois L. Deicke, the Lighthouse building was renovated and expanded to its current size. Lois Deicke and her husband, Edwin, were Plantation residents and generous South Florida philanthropists, supporting such organizations as the Broward County Library Foundation; Holy Cross Hospital, where Lois served as the first woman board member; and Hospice Care of Broward County.

Today, the Lighthouse of Broward is the only agency in the county offering a comprehensive menu of services designed to provide blind and visually impaired individuals of all ages the skills they need to live full and independent lives.

## Our Long-Time Supporters

### Miller Family

As president of Miller Construction, Harley is a very busy man. Yet, when his mother, Grace, asked him to help with a renovation project at the Lighthouse 16 years ago, he couldn't say no. She had been a volunteer, along with a few of her friends, since the mid-70s.

"Bill Boothe, the board president at the time, asked me to lunch after that project was complete to invite me to join the board," recalled Harley, who remained on the board for more than a decade.

During his tenure, he saw services expand and the endowment grow.

"The Lighthouse has enjoyed so many wonderful accomplishments," he said. "I see an even brighter future as more outreach programs continue to assist people of all ages live with visual impairment."



(l to r) Harley Milley with his mother, Grace and wife, Susan.



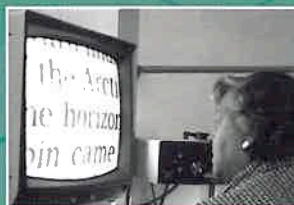
Lighthouse of Broward is founded

1973



Incorporated as the Fort Lauderdale Center for the Blind

1974



Dr. Bruce Quint hired as the first executive director

1975



Name changed to Broward Center for the Blind, Inc.

1977

### Twila Slagle

Twila Slagle was only 30 years old when she found out she had macular degeneration. She was already the mother of two girls and a wife for 14 years, but was still young to face such a change in her life. Over the next five years, her vision began to deteriorate rapidly. She had to leave her job as a nurse and give up driving.



(l to r) Twila Slagle and Ethel Zeigman

In 1987 after her husband of 40 years passed away, she moved to Broward County to be closer to family and discovered the Lighthouse of Broward through a close friend. She attended classes five days a week for four months and learned "so many little things most people take for granted," she said, like making beds and using the sweeper.

Although she graduated from training, Twila never stopped coming to the Lighthouse. For three years, she served as a mobility volunteer, spending at least four days a week at the center. Today, the 79-year-old great grandmother of five, can still be found at the Lighthouse most Fridays, playing Trivia, joining in on club meetings and being an active alumni and volunteer.

"The Lighthouse gave me a whole new life," said Twila. "I discovered a fantastic new world, with nice people and great friends."



(l to r) Robert Judd, Ruth Turner Camp Dr. Elly du Pré and Theodore Friedl, president of the Leiser Foundation.

### Josephine S. Leiser Foundation, Inc.

Josephine Leiser was a generous supporter of numerous organizations throughout Broward County throughout her life time. Today, her legacy continues through the Josephine S. Leiser Foundation, which has contributed more than \$140,000 in grants to the Lighthouse since 2005, including two new van that are used to transport summer campers to activities and to bring teaching staff to the homes of clients who must be seen in their homes.

"With more than 53,000 blind or visually impaired persons in Broward County, generous gifts from the Leiser Foundation, truly have an impact on our ability to provide them with the services they need," said Dr. Elly du Pré, executive director of the Lighthouse of Broward.

"When Josephine was introduced to the Lighthouse and learned of their hands on approach to assisting the sight impaired to become useful citizens it fit perfectly into her vision."



### David and Jean Colker

David and Jean Colker formed their foundation in 1994 with the goal to help people, especially children, with life-changing challenges. The Lighthouse of Broward was one of their first grant recipients when they donated a flag pole, which remains today outside the building. During the next 15 years, the Colkers continued to give generously to a number of children's programs at the Lighthouse and remain significant donors today.



"We believe that the people at the Lighthouse do such a fabulous job," said Jean. "They are all so dedicated and warm, and treat everyone with love."

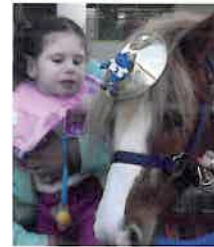
"We've so enjoyed watching a lot of kids grow up and blossom at the Lighthouse."

Jean recalls with special fondness the letters and art work she has received over the years from the children, especially during a period in her life when she fell very ill. She and her husband make a point of attending the annual shows put on by the Lighthouse children and are always so impressed by the beauty of the performances.

"I think everyone should support the Lighthouse," said Jean.

### The Special People We Serve

Raquel seemed like a normal 8-month old baby until her father noticed she didn't react when he approached her. Doctors discovered that her optical nerve never developed, leaving her blind from birth. She has slight vision up to about two inches from her face. That tiny bit of vision, however, has been maximized through intense twice-a-week therapy through the Lighthouse of Broward's Bright Beginnings early intervention program.



"We had Raquel at the Lighthouse within two days of her diagnosis," said Raquel's mom, Shirley. "We've learned how to help her use whatever vision she has so she doesn't lose it."

Raquel, now 5 years old, also is developmentally delayed and does not walk or talk. Yet, slight improvements, like learning to crawl, bring the thrill of accomplishment to all those around her.

"There are so few things she can do," said Shirley, "that when she does anything, we are ecstatic. The Lighthouse of Broward has helped us discover all of Raquel's precious abilities."

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Facilities moved to current building in downtown Fort Lauderdale



Light Brigade, a group of community volunteers, supports the Lighthouse



Adult rehabilitation is expanded to five days a week with services to seniors as well as adults with vocational goals.

1980

1980s

1988

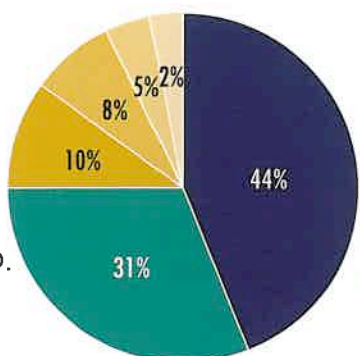




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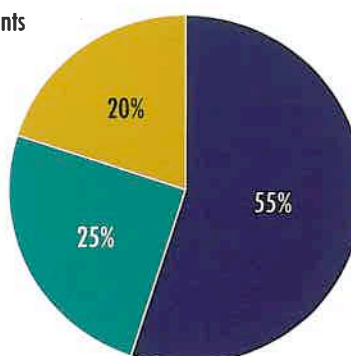
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## 2008-2009 Revenue



- ◆ Government Grants and Contracts
- ◆ Bequest Income
- ◆ Corporate/Foundations
- ◆ United Way
- ◆ Special Events
- ◆ Contributions

## 2008-2009 Expenses



- ◆ Adult Programs
- ◆ Children's Programs
- ◆ Management/Development

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### Assets

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 335,370	\$ 0	\$ 335,870
Endowment Fund	2,828,475	275,382	3,103,857
Accounts Receivable	58,065	13,325	71,390
Prepaid Expenses	15,315		15,315
Property & Equipment-net of depreciation	503,141		503,141
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,740,866</b>	<b>\$ 288,707</b>	<b>\$ 4,029,573</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$ 37,623	\$ 0	\$ 37,623
Accrued Expenses	113,280	0	113,280
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$150,903</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$150,903</b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>			
Unrestricted	3,589,963	0	3,589,963
Temporarily Restricted	0	288,707	288,707
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>3,589,963</b>	<b>288,707</b>	<b>3,878,670</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,740,866</b>	<b>\$ 288,707</b>	<b>\$ 4,029,573</b>



Summer program for adolescents begins

**1991**



Name changes to Fort Lauderdale Lighthouse for the Blind

**1992**



LHOB building undergoes major expansion and renovation to current 11,000 square feet and is dedicated as the Lois L. Deicke Center

**1993**



Lighthouse "On the Move" outreach program to frail seniors begins

**1994**

# Statements of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2009

Audited

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
Bequests	\$ 466,046	\$ 0	\$ 466,046
Government Grants and Contracts	13,441	657,340	670,781
United Way of Broward County	4,028	120,462	124,490
Corporate/Foundations	131,700	16,293	147,993
Contributions	41,928	0	41,928
Special Events and Other Revenue	74,437	0	74,437
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>731,580</b>	<b>794,095</b>	<b>1,525,675</b>
Interest and Dividends	107,739	0	107,739
Realized and Unrealized Gains and losses	(239,022)	0	(239,022)
Vision Equipment Sales	275	0	275
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>(131,008)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(131,008)</b>
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>600,572</b>	<b>794,095</b>	<b>1,394,667</b>
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	773,018	(773,018)	0
<b>Total Support, Revenue, and Reclassifications</b>	<b>1,373,590</b>	<b>21,077</b>	<b>1,394,667</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program Services:			
Adult Programs	789,279	0	789,279
Children's Services	287,870	0	287,870
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>1,077,149</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,077,149</b>
Supporting Services:			
Management and General	115,548	0	115,548
Fund Raising	236,500	0	236,500
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>352,048</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>352,048</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,429,197</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,429,197</b>
Changes in net assets	(55,607)	21,077	(34,530)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	3,645,570	267,630	3,913,200
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$ 3,589,963	\$ 288,707	\$ 3,878,670

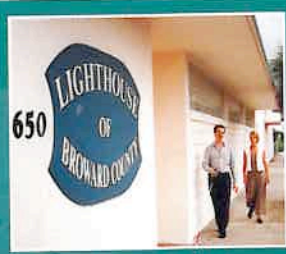


A YEAR IN REVIEW

### Persons Served 2008-2009

Early Intervention.....	30
KIDS Camp.....	24
ILAP	
(seniors agency based).....	137
VR (working age adults).....	118
VR (teens).....	29
Lighthouse on the Move.....	113
<b>TOTAL Program Services.....</b>	<b>451</b>
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Nova Southeastern University	
Low Vision Clinic.....	300
Lifetime Learners.....	750
<b>Total Consumers Served.....</b>	<b>1,501</b>

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Name changes to Lighthouse of Broward County, Inc.

**1995**



KIDS (Keys to Independence) after school program begins for ages 6-13

**1996**



Bright Beginnings early intervention program for ages birth to 6 is launched

**2000**



**The Special People We Serve** continued

**Alexa Hand**, 11, has been spending her summers at the Lighthouse of Broward camp since she was 4 years old. Visually impaired and born with cerebral palsy, she has been through five operations to help correct her eyes, spine and legs. Despite the doctors' predictions that she would never walk, Alexa ice skates during camp.

"It's like the greatest place on Earth," she said. "It's like my second home."

Thanks to generous financial support from Lighthouse donors, kids like Alexa enjoy year-round activities. Weekend, afterschool and holiday programs teach such skills as age-appropriate safe outdoor travel, cooking, self-care, and Braille or the use of low vision devices.

A transition program for youth ages 14-22 will continue to help Alexa prepare for college or a job and enjoy recreational activities with her peers.



Photo Courtesy of: lamibbetson.com

**Juli Manchester**, a yoga instructor and recreational chef, has retinitis pigmentosa (RP), an inherited eye disease that affects the retina and causes a gradual loss of vision. Although, she has some central vision, she cannot distinguish between subtle colors and has no peripheral vision. Juli only learned about her disease when she was in her mid-20s.



Photo Courtesy of: Diane Bradford

One Saturday, at age 32, Juli woke up from a nap to a changed life. "I woke up and looked toward my closet, but all I saw was black and flecks of dust," she recalled. "I tried to lie back down and close my eyes again, thinking I was still tired, but nothing changed."

For nearly four months, she lived in fear and anger, rarely leaving her home. Eventually realizing she had to get on with her life, Juli contacted

the Division of Blind Services and began rehabilitative training with the Lighthouse of Broward.

"To this day, the staff members at the Lighthouse are my biggest cheerleaders," she said.

Juli learned such skills as how to use special magnification and speech-output computer software and how to make changes in her kitchen for safe cooking.

Armed with new skills gained at the Lighthouse, Juli received her guide dog, Kenworth, from Guide Dogs for the Blind, and began her new independent life.

"Our rehabilitation program for working age people emphasizes the skills needed to become independent and productive again," added Elly duPre', executive director of the Lighthouse of Broward.

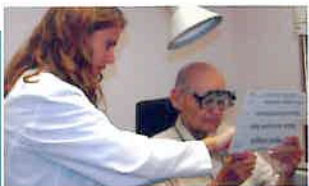
Juli and Kenworth now live in Norfolk, Va.

**Arnold Hayden** was 82 when he first enrolled in a class at the Lighthouse, although he has been visually impaired his entire life. The myopic degeneration of the retina became worse by 2005, so he followed a referral by the Division of Blind Services to visit the Lighthouse. As a client he learned to use a cane and refine his abilities in the kitchen. He was a star at the Lighthouse, however, at the computers and remains today a dedicated volunteer, spending up to 10 hours a week helping others to learn JAWS, keyboarding and other computer programs.

"I was so reluctant to go the Lighthouse at first," he said. "They taught me a lot of things I didn't know before, but I became especially good at the computer and keyboarding."

A customer service representative for the Sears parts and service department on Sunrise Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale for more than 14 years, Arnold knows how to help calm people's fears, especially when they are learning the computer with limited or no vision.

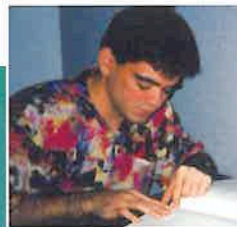
Most Tuesdays, Arnold, who is from Argentina and speaks fluent Spanish, spends the entire day helping with client assessments, assisting the Lighthouse instructors and encouraging clients to continue on their paths toward independence. His wife, Mary, is another dedicated Lighthouse volunteer.



Low Vision Clinic, a partnership with Nova Southeastern University, opens and the Sensory Garden, created by Leadership Broward and the Garden Club, is dedicated.



KIDS Summer Challenge for ages 6-14 begins, as does the summer transition program offering post-high school vocational and college preparation for young adults, ages 14- 22.



Transition program for young adults, 14 -21, begins. Lifetime Learners for graduates for adult rehabilitation program is introduced.



Dr. Elly du Pre' is hired as Executive Director

**2001**

**2003**

**2003**

**2005**



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