“There is so much LIFE going on here!” – NAC 2015 accreditation team

2015 ANNUAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Dear Friends,

As the Lighthouse closes another successful year of growth and continual improvement in our services, we have to stop and think what is the real source of our success? And it has to be the support of the many friends of the Lighthouse which allows us to provide those services. We thank you and are grateful for your steadfast dedication to the mission of the Lighthouse.

And then we have to ask, why do our friends support us? We always hear about the power of giving back when the Lighthouse has helped someone, the importance of community, and how giving makes a life feel whole.

However, we think there also is one other important element in our success and in why our friends feel so strongly about the Lighthouse. We share the unshakeable conviction that building confidence through a series of small successes will restore a blind person’s capacities to engage completely in school, work, family and community life. Building confidence, regaining skills, living life. That is our recipe for success and growth.

Our Annual Impact Statement that follows will give you the hard numbers. And the comments from our regular surveys of clients and families will give you the warm feelings.

And, as always, THANK YOU for joining us in our success!

Elly du Pré, Executive Director

Shane Sweet, Board President

The Lighthouse of Broward Mission

To provide specialized rehabilitation and collaborative healthcare solutions that enhance the independence, productivity, and dignity of children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.
Are you feeling in greater control and more confident in your abilities to maintain your current living situation as a result of the services you received?

– VITAL LIVING Seniors: YES 100%

2015 Lighthouse of Broward Client Services

- KIDS Camp: 48
- Vital Living: 231
- VR/Working Solutions: 148
- TeenLIFE Transitions: 35
- Whole Family Network: 18
- Direct Program Total: 520
- NSU Low Vision Clinic: 307
- Lifetime Learners: 969
- Florida Reading and Vision Store: 683
- **TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED:** 2,479

Because of the Lighthouse we have found compassion, encouragement, and friendship. We love our time at the Lighthouse. – “Beloveds” Social Group

2015 Lighthouse of Broward Volunteers

- Volunteers: 25
- Volunteer Hours: 2,008
- **TOTAL VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS:** $46,324

“Without Sam I would never be on the honor track.” – Amanda, TeenLIFE Client

“Lighthouse has fueled Amanda’s independence and that independence gave her the confidence and courage to pursue other interests and succeed at them.”

– Amanda’s mom
From our 2015 Impact Indicators Survey:

Do you feel that you have made progress towards your preparation for employment?

- Working Solutions Clients: YES 96.9%

Do you feel that you are better prepared for life after high school?

- TeenLIFE Clients: YES 100%