

# THE BEACON

## NEWSLETTER



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
OF BROWARD  
Empowering the Blind and Visually Impaired

**APRIL - JUNE 2024**

**Dear Friends,**

**By now I'm sure you've had the opportunity to experience our new, beautiful building! We're back in business and are currently offering tons of client activities from bingo and fitness classes to arts and crafts and trivia groups!**

**We're so thrilled that our newer facility offers so much space, offering us the opportunity to serve more individuals who are blind and visually impaired. We're very excited about this new chapter in our 50-year history.**

**To celebrate the opening of our new location, we plan to host a special gathering for all of our clients on Friday, April 19, 2024. We hope you'll join us for a ribbon cutting, lunch and plenty of time to socialize with all your friends here.**

**Plus, we plan a community grand opening event that will host our illustrious community leaders including Broward County Mayor Senator Nan Rich and Sunrise Mayor Michael Ryan. We will host approximately 75 guests at this cocktail reception and ribbon cutting celebration. Our hope is to deepen our connections here in our new hometown of Sunrise to encourage**

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**an increased knowledge and support of the important work we do on behalf of those who are blind and visually impaired.**

**Speaking of support, our great partner American Heritage will host *Heroes: A Benefit Concert for the Lighthouse of Broward* next month. This event, as you may know, honors the resilience and courage of heroes living with vision impairment. This year's concert features a Speakeasy Soiree with Mitch Franco, who will perform sounds of past eras with popular classics brought to life, accompanied by the American Heritage Schools Orchestra. It's sure to be another success in support of the Lighthouse. We're so grateful for this wonderful partnership.**

**In other news, we hosted two events for our wonderful kids! For the Love of STEAM presented by UKG attracted more than 65 kids who are blind and visually impaired a to learn, explore and have fun! Also, Eggstravaganza brought out 50 kids and their families for the ever-popular beeping egg hunt, bounce house, face painting, crafts and more. Everyone had a great time – at both events!**

**And finally, check out this Local10 story (click [HERE](#)), featuring our young client Joshmanny,**

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showcasing the strength of our clients and the great work of our agency. We are so proud of the work we do.

**With Gratitude,**

**Ellyn Drotzer, MSW, LCSW**  
**President and CEO**

### **Important Building Closure Dates & Updates**

- **Client Appreciation Event, April 5<sup>th</sup>. See below for more information.**
- **Client Open House, April 19<sup>th</sup>. See below for more information.**
- **LHOB Closed for Memorial Day, Monday May 27, 2024.**
- **LHOB Closed for Juneteenth, Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**LHOB Social Groups and Activities: For all events you must RSVP in advance as space is limited.**

**Client Appreciation Event: Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30-1:30 at Flamingo Hall at 12855 NW 8<sup>th</sup> St. Sunrise, FL 33326. There will be community resources, followed**

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**by lunch, and fun activities. Clients must call to reserve their spot.**

**Open House of New Location: Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30. Event for past and Current Clients.**

**Tour our new Building, learn about services, Meet Staff, enjoy lunch and try some of our recreational activities RSVP: 954-463-4217 ext. 110**

**Fitness Class: Every Friday 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm**

**This class will include stretching, strengthening, balance exercises, cardio and relaxation. Most exercises will be done seated but there will be some standing exercises included.**

**Arts & Crafts Thursdays 1:00-3:00p.m. Join us for adapted arts and crafts projects including painting with tactile lines, clay work, sewing, and floral arrangements. Activities vary each week. Space is limited, you must RSVP.**

**Book Club will meet 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the front desk at ext. 110.**

April 26, 2024: ***Killers of the Flower Moon; the Osage Murders*** by David Grann, NF/US Hist., 9.6 DB87767

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May 31, 2024: ***Lessons in Chemistry*** by Bonnie Garmus, 1960's Fiction, 11.57, BP107538

June 28, 2024: ***This Tender Land*** by Wm. Kent Kruger, Adventure Fiction, 14.21, DB102149

**Trivia Group: April 12<sup>th</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. When raucous laughter is heard in the halls of the Lighthouse, you can be sure it's coming from the trivia group. Questions on a variety of subjects are read by a volunteer, and anyone who thinks they have the answer is free to call it out. Please RSVP at 954-463-4217 ext. 0.**

**BINGO: Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Join us for Bingo with Brailled cards and large print cards. There are prizes for the winners.**

**Descriptive movies: Join us on select Thursdays for a movie, popcorn, and treats. The movies will be shown in Classroom two.**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> Lift: A professional thief and his expert crew attempt the ultimate heist: stealing \$500 million in gold from a vault on a plane – 40,000 feet in the air.**

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**May 9<sup>th</sup>: Soweto Love Story: Desperate for her three single sons to get married, a mother promises her house to the first one to tie the knot, setting off a race to the altar.**

**June 14<sup>th</sup>: Your Place or Mine: When best friends and total opposites Debbie and Peter swap homes for a week, they get a peek into each other's lives that could open the door to love.**

### **Support for Past and Present LHOB Clients:**

**Every Wednesday from 1:00-2:00. This support group is to help participants who want to connect with other individuals who are visually impaired. Instructors will discuss strategies for dealing with stress and anxiety. Members of this group can connect; share their experiences, coping strategies, and their strength and hope.**

**Join the call:**

**<https://www.uberconference.com/room/lhobsupport>**

**Optional dial-in number: 954-451-0380**

**No PIN needed.**

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**International Access Numbers:**

**<https://www.uberconference.com/international>**

**For more information, contact Angela Gerald 954-463-4217 or [agerald@LHOB.org](mailto:agerald@LHOB.org).**

**\*Dates, time, and location of social activities are subject to change please visit our website at [www.lhob.org/publications](http://www.lhob.org/publications) or call our activities line at 954-463-4217 ext. 8 for Up-To-Date information on social activities and meetings. \***