

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

SPRING 2024

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LIGHTHOUSE
MINISTRIES

The Beacon

We physically, nutritionally, and spiritually serve people experiencing homelessness and low-income members of our community.

By the Numbers: 2023 Impact



62,472
MEALS SERVED
vs. 53,646 in 2022



14,548
**VOLUNTEER
HOURS WORKED**
vs. 17,296 in 2022



**CLEAN
START**

Impact August 6, 2023–
February 8, 2024

325
people served

667
hot showers

38
haircuts



126
volunteers



2023... What a year! The Clean Start ministry opened in August thanks to Kurt Rose Construction and some very generous donors. We are excited to

share some amazing results and the agencies who have partnered with us to make Clean Start a one stop shop for those experiencing homelessness.

In 2024, we are celebrating 20 years of serving our community. Can you believe it? 20 years! We are grateful to God for his provision. Years ago a lady from our church had a word for me and Dan—"DESTINATION BEYOND IMAGINATION." She was right about that!

I remember when I told God I would run the Lighthouse. I went to the building at 185 Elmtree Lane, got on my knees and told Him I would be a doorkeeper for Him. Whatever he wanted me to do I would do it, wherever he wanted me to go I would go. Now, I have to be honest I gave God a run for his money. There were hard times, which I'm thankful for and good times that I cherish.

I've met a lot of people that made an impact on my heart. I can't help but remember some of the men from the Nehemiah House—some have passed away. Rocky Attkison, who is still clean, would pass by on his bike with a water bottle full of vodka. He lived in a house that had no water or heat. Michael Sanderson, when I first saw him, had a face full of clearance stickers, and John Mincey came to the Nehemiah House



after spending 19 years in prison. He was a great guy who went to heaven last year. James Rivers also passed away last year, but he was precious—a recovering alcoholic, and then Jesse Lane and I witnessed a phenomenon. There are more but these come to mind today.

Thank you for your support in every way possible—monetary, volunteering, food drives, clothes. We're blessed and so are you.

As we endeavor to "Change Lives for a Lifetime," we'd love for you to come down for a tour of our Clean Start Ministry. If you've ever been upstairs before, you will be amazed at the transformation. God Bless You!

Tay Henderson
Executive Director

CLEAN START PARTNERSHIPS

Veteran Administration, Mountain Comprehensive Care Social Services, Health First Bluegrass Medical Clinic (nurses pictured above), Jubilee Jobs, and Addiction Recovery Care. Call 859-303-7014 for more info.

2024 CALENDAR

Kentucky Gives Day: May 7
A statewide, 24-hour, online giving event for nonprofits. Our goal is \$20,000. Please reach out if you'd like to offer a match.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive: May 11
Looking for volunteers to load food at the post office and unload it at Lighthouse. This project is great for youth groups. Reach out if you would like to help.

Better Together 20 Year Celebration:
September 26
Seeking corporate sponsors to help make this event extra special.

GoodGiving Challenge: December 3–6
Do you love the Lighthouse? We'd love to have you as an Ambassador this year.

Thanksgiving Feast: November 23
(closed 28 & 29)

Christmas Carnival for Kids:
December 13

Christmas Feast: December 21
(closed 25 & 26)

Ministry Highlights



Regular Volunteer Groups

As one of our regulars, Pax Christi Catholic Church dinner volunteers arrive at 4:30 and finish by 6:30. They help where needed, share a devotion, pray, serve the meal and clean up.



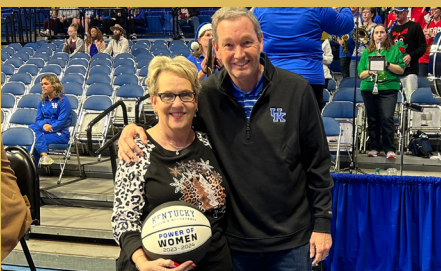
Thanksgiving

Volunteers prepped food and served 150 the Saturday before Thanksgiving, while Bluegrass Hospitality Group served free meals from their food truck in our parking lot on Thanksgiving Day.



Team-Building Volunteers

The Lexington Christian Academy Boys' Basketball team recently served together. For larger groups, we always need help sorting and organizing donations.



Power of Women Honoree

Our executive director, Tay Henderson, was recognized during a UK Women's Basketball game in Rupp Arena as a leader who exemplifies the power of women in the community.



Christmas Dinner

Thank you to all who cooked, served and cleaned for our guests during our Christmas dinner held Saturday, December 23. We enjoyed hosting a seated meal in our dining room.



Kid's Christmas Carnival

We hosted our first Christmas Carnival where children got to visit with Santa, play games, eat and open gifts. Thank you to volunteers and sponsors. We already look forward to next year!



Community Support

Thank you to Tim Adams and Larry Frakes from Guardian Savings Bank for supporting our work.



Neighborly Help

We are glad to have students from Sayre School volunteer with us each week. The Upper School also made Valentine treats for guests.



GoodGiving Challenge

Thank you to the 52 people who donated during the GoodGiving Challenge. Donations and prize winnings totaled \$28,234.90.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Lunch and dinner prep, serve & clean** for Monday–Saturday.
 - **Guest speakers** to deliver a brief—no longer than 10 minutes—gospel message before lunch.
- Sign up by emailing barbara@lighthouselex.org.

Worship With Us

THE JOURNEY EAST

LOVE GOD | LOVE PEOPLE

Sundays at 4 PM at Lighthouse
Dinner following service
Join what God is doing downtown!

DONATE NOW

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Lighthouse Ministries & Dining With Dignity

Meal Times: Lunch at noon & Dinner at 5:30 PM, Monday–Saturday • Dinner following church on Sunday
Sign up to volunteer at www.calendly.com/diningwithdignity.

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