

# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

FALL 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.



Dear Friends,

Fall is a season of reflection and gratitude—a special time to give thanks for you and everyone who has embraced

Lighthouse Ministries and worked with us to meet the needs of our neighbors. As our 20th anniversary comes to a close, I want to thank you for being a guiding light in this important work.

Thank you for making vital food and social support programs possible for the many Lexingtonians who have reached out to us this year. Through your compassion, more than 44,000 hot meals have been served through Dining with Dignity since January. Your support of the Clean Start program has provided hot showers, clean clothes and new shoes, plus critical access to medical and mental health services, housing programs, and job readiness and placement for hundreds of people.

Because of you, so many lives have been changed for the better. Thank you for being the beacon of light and the heart of hope for so many in need.

With much gratitude,  
Tay Henderson,  
Executive Director

P.S. Please stay involved to make a positive difference today. Scan the QR code on the back, visit us at [lighthouselex.org](http://lighthouselex.org), or look us up on social media to learn how you can impact our ministry and programs as a volunteer, advocate, or financial partner. Thank you!

## 2024 CALENDAR

**Thanksgiving Feast:** November 23 at noon (closed on November 28 & 29)

**Bluegrass Hospitality Group Thanksgiving Day Food Truck:**  
November 28 at noon

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

**Christmas Feast:** December 21 at noon

**Christmas Day Pizza Lunch:**  
December 25 at noon (closed for dinner and all day on December 26)

## By the Numbers: Ministry Impact



### CLEAN START

The first year has been a success! We've added haircuts, medical services, case management, access to mental health, Veterans Administration, job readiness and placement, aid with housing and referrals to other services.

**8/15/2023 – 9/30/2024**

- 1,790 showers
- 1,227 individuals served
- 147 haircuts
- \$47,343 value of assistance



### DINING WITH DIGNITY

**1/1/2024 – 9/30/2024**

- 44,057 meals served
- 7,138 volunteer hours
- \$184,754 in-kind donations



## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Thank you to the 208 people who celebrated with us on Thursday, September 26. We enjoyed a cocktail reception and silent auction before a delicious dinner and program at The Kentucky Castle. \$50,000 was raised to continue the mission of physically, nutritionally, and spiritually serving people experiencing homelessness.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors:  
Hunt Brothers Pizza  
Commonwealth Causes  
Lexington Compounding Pharmacy  
Mitchell Family Foundation  
Don & Shannon Howard  
Element Market Research, Aflac–Brent Hutchinson, Four Seasons Realty, Transformed Excavating & Concrete, AdColor, The Kentucky Castle, Econoprint



## Ministry Highlights



### VA's Mobile Medical Unit

The VA's mobile medical unit increases access to health care for homeless vets. We are the only regular stop, on the third Wednesday of every month from 9–noon.



### Ladies Day at Clean Start

Twelve ladies received health exams, haircuts and chances to win door prizes provided by Rhema Word Ministries. Lunch was provided by Panera Bread and Sedona Taphouse.



### Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteers from CenterWell Senior Primary Care were one of many groups who helped sort donations for Clean Start.



### KY Gives Day

Thanks to caring donors, \$4,230 was raised in one special day of giving! Funds provided daily hot meals and services to help our neighbors meet basic needs and give them hope.



### Stamp Out Hunger

Thank you to the volunteers who collected and sorted 20,000 pounds of donated food items valued at \$10,416. The items replenished our pantry when supplies ran low.



### Laundry Vouchers

Thanks to a group of supporters and volunteers, our clients have access to laundry vouchers and Tide pods to wash their clothes at North Lime Laundry.



### KY Fried Wishes

A \$10,000 grant from the KFC Foundation combined with \$20,000 from the Kentucky Colonels and \$10,000 from another group helped replace our walk-in cooler/freezer.



### Warm Up America

Thank you Warm Up America for donating 20 beautiful handmade blankets!



### God's Harvest Ministries

Guests enjoyed tasty smothered fries from the good people running the Soul Fries, LLC food truck.

## 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](mailto:barbara@lighthouselex.org).

## Worship With Us

### THE JOURNEY EAST

LOVE GOD | LOVE PEOPLE

Sundays at 4 PM at Lighthouse  
Dinner follows 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

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