

# RESCUE & RECOVERY JANUARY 2024

## REASONS TO CELEBRATE AND HOPE

On the back of this Newsletter you can see the awesome impact your partnership with Lighthouse has been able to have on the most vulnerable in our community. On top of that, look at just a few milestones we achieved together last year -

- tremendous growth in the number of ESOL students served;
- formation of a replicable model for thrift stores to serve more community needs; and
- empowerment of staff to grow as leaders, discovering and leveraging their strengths through collaboration.

Exciting days for Lighthouse Ministries are ahead this year too. Construction begins on five affordable housing

apartments for residents who are ready for Next Steps. The remodel of the Brandon Thrift Store will add space dedicated to adult education and H.O.P.E. Center. And we plan to increase collaborations with like-minded agencies to ensure lasting community impacts.

Finally, consider two opportunities to love your family and friends with a night out that benefits Lighthouse. Lighthouse Laughs and Ballet Magnificat will be quality performances that celebrate the intersection of faith and art in meaningful ways. I hope to see you there!



God Bless,  
Steve & Bonnie  
Lighthouse Ministries

### Lighthouse Laughs



1401 Griffin Rd, Lakeland, FL 33810

**FRIDAY, FEB 23  
7:00 PM**

Register for your FREE tickets at  
[www.LighthouseLaughs.com](http://www.LighthouseLaughs.com)

FREE EVENT - YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES

**GET YOUR SEATS NOW FOR THESE UPCOMING LIGHTHOUSE EVENTS!**



presented by  
Giving Hope That Changes Lives  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
ministries

**20% DISCOUNT**  
with code BMSC20

*Save the Date!*  
**Polk Theatre**  
March 2nd // 7pm

**BALLET  
MAGNIFICAT!**

# Scarlet Cord

A Moving Story of a Revolution  
A Heart Turning to the Ultimate Truth

Tickets & Information  
[WhiteThornEvents.com](http://WhiteThornEvents.com)

# CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOY DISTRIBUTION

Thanks to your support, Lighthouse Ministries and our more than two-dozen ministry partners, including the Lighthouse Kids Clubs, were able to distribute almost eight hundred Christmas food boxes and turkeys to those in need in our community.

Your generosity also enabled us to host two special Christmas meals at the Men's Gospel Rescue Mission for 280 people.

This year we supplied toys for more than 1,000 children (a record number). We were so blessed by the many individuals, churches and businesses in our community who donated toys to meet the increased need this year.

More importantly, we were able to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor and at-risk population of West Central Florida. We, and those we serve, give thanks to God and to you for your faithful giving!



## CELEBRATING YOUR IMPACT IN 2023

**214,478**

Nutritious Meals  
Provided

**569**

Homeless Sheltered  
(Non-Duplicate)

**12,939**

Individuals  
Served

**5,871**

Gospel  
Communications

**42,093**

Nights of  
Shelter

**140**

Life Learning  
Residents Served

**95**

Community Homeless  
Housed or Stabilized

**198**

Faith  
Decisions

## THANK YOU FOR MAKING AN ETERNAL IMPACT!

Your generosity allows Lighthouse Ministries to offer Rescue & Recovery opportunities to at-risk people that offer dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel. Thank you for Giving Hope that Changes Lives!



For more information on the ministries of Lighthouse go to  
[www.lighthousemin.org](http://www.lighthousemin.org)  
**863-687-4076**

