

RILEY EARNS HIS GED

Riley followed his father's footsteps into alcohol addiction at a young age. They both fell in and out of homelessness and further addictions. After his father ended up in jail, Riley once again found himself homeless, but this time alone.

Riley was able to find a time of stability working at a traveling carnival. When that ended he was able to reconnect with his father. Unfortunately, this also led him back to his addictions. Riley and his father ended up going different ways for a while but got back together again here in Lakeland.

They began as overnight guests at the Rescue Mission. After a couple of weeks, Riley decided to join the Life Learning Recovery Program.

"It was after I got here that I started finding God and getting to know Him. Today I am happy, healthy and more importantly sober from everything that had a hold of me."

As part of the Recovery Program, Riley has been able to earn his GED.

This makes the fourth resident this year to successfully earn their GED, with one more just about to finish and three more just starting out. Please pray for our residents as they continue the Pathways of Progress to achieve an overall outcome of God's peace, life purpose and fulfillment of potential.



Your generous gifts make it possible for residents like Riley & Tiffany to find dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel.

TIFFANY – MOVING INTO WORKFORCE HOUSING



Growing up in an abusive, drug dependent home, Tiffany's childhood was very chaotic. She left home at an early age with no job, high school diploma or license. Although she joined a job corps program to get those things, Tiffany got distracted by relationships.

After completing the job corp program, Tiffany moved to Lakeland with her boyfriend. The traumas from each of their childhoods led to their break-up.

Over the next couple of years, Tiffany continued to struggle to make a good life on her own. She began to read her bible and listen to sermons online. Her desire for a relationship with God led her to a commitment to Christ. But, after trying unsuccessfully to reconnect with her mother, Tiffany became very depressed.

The pandemic led to Tiffany losing a good job that she loved, this left her to live out of her car. Although

she had lost everything, she continued going to church regularly. It was this church that suggested she look into Lighthouse Ministries and ask for help. Thankfully, she took that advice.

She entered our Life Learning Recovery Program and started on her road to a new life. First, her physical needs were met – a good meal, clean clothes, hot shower, and a safe place to sleep. Then, your gifts provided the Pathways of Progress: *Spiritual Growth* to grow her relationship with Christ; *Community* to learn to serve and love others; *Education* to expand academic opportunities, grow in financial literacy and prepare for the work force; and *Industry* to invigorate a healthy work ethic.

Tiffany is now a part of the Workforce Housing program which provides the support our residents need to move into permanent housing. Tiffany works at the Lakeland Thrift Store while finishing up cosmetology school so she can begin her career in hairstyling.

Thank you to donors for your partnership which has Given her Hope that Changes Lives!

LIGHTHOUSE LAUGHS WEEKEND OF COMEDY

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RESCUE & RECOVERY



We want to thank the wonderful crowd for making the Lighthouse Weekend of Comedy such a success!

We had such a great time enjoying a weekend of laughter, but also giving Glory to God for the wonderful work of Rescue & Recovery through the power of the Gospel!

We invite you to join us on campus for a tour where you will see first hand the difference you will be make by becoming a Rescue & Recovery Partner!

You can find more information on Lighthouse Ministries and at our website www.Lighthousemin.org

If you missed the event, make plans now to join us for

LIGHTHOUSE LAUGHS - LAKES CHURCH
in Lakeland on October 20th at 7PM

For more information, to register or watch preview videos of the comedians go to www.lighthouselaughs.com



CELEBRATING YOUR IMPACT

THROUGH AUGUST 2023

102,918

Nutritious Meals Provided

562

Homeless Sheltered (Non-Duplicate)

3,746

Individuals Served

3,061

Gospel Communications

29,113

Nights of Shelter

108

Life Learning Residents Served

59

Community Homeless Housed or Stabilized

117

Faith Decisions

Your generosity allows Lighthouse Ministries to offer Rescue & Recovery environments 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!



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