A group of people holding up certificates

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The Lighthouse Foundation Newsletter

Welcome to our 4th quarterly Newsletter!

***John 15:15 “No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”***

It is the 1-year anniversary of the “Voluntold”. I hope you’re enjoying it, and finding it useful. I say this because it is close to the 1-year anniversary of me being the “Volunteer Coordinator”. I have been so blessed to be able to focus all my energy on YOU and all things YOU do for The Lighthouse Foundation. As I reflect over the last year the one thing that stuck out to me is the overwhelming sense of community and fellowship you all have for each other. A sense of community that Jesus calls us to and encourages us to share with others. He calls us his friends first, and therefore we can share the joy of His friendship with those who come through our doors. I hope you all feel the same sense of brotherly/sisterly friendship I feel when I see each of you. Please feel free to reach out to me with any thoughts, ideas, or feedback that would help us better reflect Jesus to each other and to those we serve. ~Your Sister in Christ, Lee Ann

**2024 Save the Dates & Updates** (also check out the Volunteer Bulletin Board)

Golf Outing – May 20th at the Cranberry Highlands \*

Soaring for Hope Gala - September 13th at the Butler Country Club \*

***\*We need committee members for both events, if you interested or know someone,***

***please reach out to Lee Ann and let her know.***

**Food Pantry Stats (October / November / December)**

A group of people posing for a photo

Description automatically generated**A room with a table full of toys

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**2023 Toy Shoppe Committee**

Retail Stores: 96,075 lbs

Other Donors: 5,733 lbs

Orders distributed: 3,132

Families impacted: 2,475

Individuals impacted: 6,751

New Families added: 306

4,206 lbs waste(4%) / farmers pickup

**A group of police officers holding a sign

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**Volunteers:**

October — 105 volunteers (9 new) completing 1,672 hours

November — 120 volunteers (14 new) completing 1,703 hours

December — 104 volunteers (12 new) completing 981 hours

**Prayer Partner News -** 627 Bibles were distributed last year

**Tuesdays 3pm to 6pm are still available. Do you know a person, small group or church?**

**Other Lighthouse Program News**

**Toy Shoppe Served over 200 families and 500 children - Big “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped with this event.**

Our Transitional Housing Program currently:

**Johny’s Place** (recovery house) – 2 residents / **Amour** (family dwellings) – 2 families including 2 children /

**Penney House** (single Male home) – 2 residents / **Kaufman Drive** (single parents) - 4 single parents including 11 children /

**Blanchard House** (single female home) – 2 residents

Residents started “Faith and Finance” on January 10th.

**Thank you 2023 Civic and Community Groups**

Gospel Life Fellowship / Cranberry Sunrise Rotary / Cross Roads Church / Cranberry YMCA / Concordia / Good Samaritan Hospice / Baird – Carlson Group / St Luke’s School / Camp Crestfield / Boy Scout Troop 19 / Mars Bank / First United Methodist of Butler /

Westminister Presbyterian Church / Samsung Electronic of America / Baird / Herbein