

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind 2017 Annual Report



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2017 continued to present challenges in our program funding but this did not affect the quality of our programs or our capacity to provide services to those in need. There were some reductions in the number of clients served due to a lower number of referrals in many of our programs. For that reason, we have stepped up our outreach efforts to better identify those may need our services. Please refer to the sidebar on page 3 for a breakdown of services rendered by program.

Highlights from 2017 include our *inaugural Beep Kickball* fund raiser featuring teams from MetLife and the Lighthouse (this event replaces Beep baseball which was discontinued after 25 years); our *Third Annual Dining in the Dark* event which took place at the Tampa Club; surviving one of the largest and most intense hurricanes in Florida history, *Hurricane Irma*, relatively unscathed except for losing electricity for a period of time at our Winter Haven facility; the addition of a most welcome component to our Polk County programs thanks to United Way of Central Florida awarding the Lighthouse new funding for a licensed mental health counselor, to provide *group and individual therapy* to adult clients having difficulty adjusting to vision loss; and finally, the Lighthouse's *reaccreditation* by National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services (NAC) for another five years.

Volunteer spotlight: We welcome our newest volunteer, Ryan Griffin, a quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who began volunteering as an assistant, mentor, and ambassador in our Hillsborough County Transition for Teens program.

Now that the Lighthouse serves all age groups, it is noteworthy that those at the upper end of the age spectrum are often among our highest achievers. They have had a lifetime to learn what it takes to achieve longevity while continuing to function at a very high level. Nathaniel "Nate" Davis who just turned 94 is one of those individuals. Nate is legally blind due to glaucoma and has useable vision in one eye. Not only did he complete his daily living skills classes with flying colors at the Lighthouse, he gives back in a huge way by sharing his story with others, including agency funders, in support of Lighthouse programs. One of Nate's secrets to his longevity is walking two miles each day. A World War II veteran, Nate just completed an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to see the war memorials with fellow veterans after his last-minute nomination from Executive Director Sheryl Brown was accepted, right after she learned that Nate had never been on an Honor Flight.

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Lighthouse continues to be blessed by the community in many ways. It is especially gratifying when those we help turn around and pay it back in unexpected ways. On behalf of the staff, Board, and clients served by the Lighthouse, we all thank all of you for your support and everything else you do to help us thrive.

Angela Hendershot
President, Board of Directors

Sheryl Brown
Executive Director

TAMPA LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

ASSETS	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$347,703	\$626,203
Investments	3,818,645	3,406,085
Accounts receivable	108,628	67,562
Inventory	23,699	36,474
Prepaid expenses	<u>395</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>4,299,070</u>	<u>4,136,324</u>
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	2,102,738	2,092,269
Construction in progress	<u>-</u>	<u>3,957</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>2,102,738</u>	<u>2,096,226</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$6,401,808</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,232,650</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,794	\$ 4,578
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	214,321	209,114
Current maturities of capital lease obligation	<u>4,737</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>224,852</u>	<u>213,692</u>
Capital lease obligation	<u>15,792</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>240,644</u>	<u>213,692</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted, undesignated	4,058,426	3,922,632
Unrestricted, invested in property and equipment	<u>2,102,738</u>	<u>2,096,226</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>6,161,164</u>	<u>6,018,858</u>
Temporarily restricted	-	-
Permanently restricted	-	-
Total Net Assets	<u>6,161,164</u>	<u>6,018,858</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$6,401,808</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,232,550</u></u>

ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit organization, incorporated by the State of Florida in 1940, and designated by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from federal income tax under the provisions of Sections 501 (c) (3) and 509 (a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

To continue our work at the Lighthouse, we need your help. Perhaps you would consider including the Lighthouse in your will. Simply have your lawyer include a paragraph in your will in the following form:

"I hereby bequeath to the Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. the sum of _____ to be used to assist persons who are blind or visually impaired to pursue full independence."

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free, within the state, 1-800-435-7352. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the State.

100% of all contributions benefit Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind (CH43).

YOUR DONATIONS HELP US TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SERVICES TO THOSE NEEDING THEM

Just scan the QR code below with your cell phone or tablet to go to our website's donation page.



TAMPA LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenue and Support		
Division of Blind Services contracts	\$1,609,787	\$1,662,722
Other grants and contracts	469,895	422,620
United Way	203,664	278,239
Contributions	157,785	112,214
Bequests	-	341,604
Investment return	369,693	113,777
Service contracts	205,500	202,464
Rental income	97,108	101,105
Program revenue	51,281	55,127
Miscellaneous revenue	10,408	12,085
Loss on the disposal of property and equipment	(859)	-
	<u>3,174,262</u>	<u>3,301,957</u>
Product sales	83,089	110,831
Less: cost of goods sold	(86,967)	(97,935)
	<u>(3,878)</u>	<u>12,896</u>
Total Revenues and Support	<u>3,170,384</u>	<u>3,314,853</u>
Expenses		
<i>Program services</i>		
Adjustment training	526,691	520,207
Vocational services	497,893	472,113
Low vision/aids and appliances	62,295	151,479
Service contracts	843,390	836,472
Early intervention	164,942	200,158
Transition	475,853	421,723
Children's program	93,638	91,525
	<u>2,664,702</u>	<u>2,693,677</u>
<i>Support Services</i>		
Administrative	248,817	248,566
Fund raising	114,559	112,133
	<u>363,376</u>	<u>360,699</u>
Total Support Services	<u>3,028,078</u>	<u>3,054,376</u>
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>142,306</u>	<u>260,477</u>
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>6,018,858</u>	<u>5,758,381</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$6,161,164</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,018,858</u></u>

PERSONS SERVED		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Non-Duplicated Overall Total	1151	1270
Non-Duplicated Tampa Total	860	923
Non-Duplicated Winter Haven Total	291	347
Children's Program	17	18
Daily Living Skills Training	161	189
Early Intervention	37	44
Rehabilitation Engineering	550	597
Service Contracts	211	178
Supported Employment	27	27
Transition	53	50
Vocational Services	112	106
Noncase Statistics Contacts		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Event Attendees	7,177	9,143
Information & Referral	1,159	591
Lighthouse Store	2,116	1,991



TAMPA LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND
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AGENCY MISSION

To maximize independence and provide employment opportunities for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

MAJOR SOURCES OF FUNDING

Sponsored by DOE/DBS and the State of Florida
Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners
City of Tampa Community Development Block Grant (funded by HUD)
Polk County BoCC Community Development Block Grant (funded by HUD)



AFFILIATIONS

Florida Association of Agencies Serving the Blind (FAASB)
National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services (NAC)
National Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind (NAEPB)
National Industries for the Blind (NIB)
VisionServe Alliance

LOCATIONS

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind

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