



#### ON THE COVER:

Longtime Board Member and former Chair Frank Chanen (left) and a scene from the new Illinois **Tollway Customer Service Call** Center. Read more about Mr. Chanen on page 4 and the Tollway project on page 6.

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#### Our mission

The Chicago Lighthouse is a not-for-profit agency committed to providing the highest quality educational, clinical, vocational and rehabilitation services for children, youth and adults who are blind or visually impaired, including deaf-blind and multi-disabled. The Chicago Lighthouse, opens doors to opportunities, choices, jobs, and independence for people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired, and, in furtherance of this objective, assists and employs persons who are otherwise disabled and Veterans.



The year 2013 was an historic one for The Chicago Lighthouse. We nearly doubled in size thanks to the opening of a state-of-the-art Illinois Tollway Customer Service Call Center. Our new call center will ultimately employ more than 200 talented individuals who are blind, visually impaired, otherwise disabled or Veterans.

Never forgetting our past and those who have made the future possible, this report also commends longtime Lighthouse Board Member Frank Chanen who co-chaired an ambitious fundraising campaign in 2005-2007 that resulted in the addition of extra space to expand our critical services.

We are proud to honor our recent history and thrilled to be making it!

### Letter from our Chairman and President & Chief Executive Officer

#### Dear Friends,

"Only after you have experienced the pain of unemployment, do you realize how wonderful it is to have a job!"

Those eloquent words from Marcin Okreglak, a mail clerk in our new Illinois Tollway Customer Service Call Center, beautifully summarizes the major development at The Chicago Lighthouse this past year: the formal dedication of a state-of-the-art facility that is providing good paying jobs for more than 200 individuals, many of whom are blind, visually impaired, disabled or Veterans.

In so doing, this game-changing event which took place last November 5<sup>th</sup>, nearly doubles the current staff size of The Lighthouse. It also brings in a critical new source of revenue to help us fund our innovative programs in employment, education, vision care, adaptive technology and other areas.

It truly represents an historic breakthrough for our agency as it marked its 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013.

Therefore, we couldn't think of a better title for this year's annual report than "Honoring History, Making History."

To help illustrate the point, we chose longtime and recently retired Lighthouse Board Member Frank Chanen as our cover profile. As the article noted, Mr. Chanen, who co-chaired our Bold Vision campaign in 2006 along with Dr. Joel Kaplan,

helped bring in \$17 million to promote Lighthouse expansion. That expansion freed up needed space to grow new programs that ultimately made it possible for us to pursue the new tollway venture.

There were other significant developments in the past twelve months as well.

In March, we dedicated a new call center for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) which is providing employment for 17 individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Approximately 50% of the call center staff is blind or visually impaired.

The Lighthouse also entered into a partnership with Informis Healthcare Solutions and the Illinois Department of Insurance to educate the public about the new Affordable Care Act. In the process, several new call center jobs were created for people with visual impairments.

Forming partnerships was a central theme of our success this past year.

We collaborated with the world renowned Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School to unveil our new Sunlight Café, which features healthy cuisine prepared by graduates of this renowned institution. In addition, thanks to support from the Chicago Public Schools, we opened a new Preschool in September to serve at risk youngsters who are either visually impaired or sighted. Speaking of students, our joint efforts with another non-profit organization, Global Explorers, resulted in a once in a lifetime adventure to the majestic southwestern U.S. for several young people, ages 15-19, who were both sighted and visually impaired.

Our scholarship program continued to honor outstanding students from across the U.S. who are blind or visually impaired. This past August, we gave awards to 30 exemplary students from eight states. The recipients had an impressive grade point average of 3.49 out of 4.0.

Your continued support is essential to The Lighthouse as we continue our efforts to be a trendsetter in offering world class services to the blind and visually impaired community.

With your assistance, we look forward to meeting the challenges of 2014 with great hope and optimism!

**Bruce R. Hague,**Chair, Board of Directors

Janet P. Szlyk, Ph.D.
President and
Chief Executive Officer

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Whenever a visitor to The Chicago Lighthouse's Tools for Living Store purchases a new assistive technology device, meets with a doctor in our vision clinic, or admires the agency's rich collection of historic photographs in the board room, they can say thank you to Frank Chanen.

A longtime Lighthouse Board Member and previous Chair, Mr. Chanen, along with Dr. Joel Kaplan, spearheaded the ambitious

"I have every confidence that the

needs of its program participants

and be up to the challenge of

generation, many of whose

members will be experiencing

vision loss in the years ahead."

accommodating the baby boom

agency will continue to address the

"Bold Vision" campaign back in 2005-2007 that made the agency's recent expansion possible. That effort, added 12,000 square feet to our headquarters on West Roosevelt Road. It enabled The Lighthouse to grow current programs and add new ones. The initiative, even helped plant the seeds for the new Illinois Tollway Customer Service Call Center.

"It is enormously satisfying to be associated with an organization as extraordinary as The Chicago Lighthouse," Mr. Chanen observed. "It has helped and continues to assist people who are blind or visually impaired in so many ways!"

Successfully tackling major assignments is nothing new to Mr. Chanen, a classic overachiever despite his penchant for modesty.

A native of Burlington, Iowa, he studied journalism at Northwestern University, switched to accounting and ultimately decided on a law career. While attending Northwestern's Law School, he married his wife, Doralu. Then Mr. Chanen went on to enjoy a distinguished practice for some 35 years, most of that time with the prestigious firm of Sidley Austin LLP.

Mr. Chanen, who is totally blind, having lost his vision in the

late 1980s due to retinitis pigmentosa, was first referred to The Lighthouse by Dr. Morton Goldberg, one of the world's foremost ophthalmologists. He also was treated by another premier physician who has since relocated his practice to The Lighthouse and directs its Pangere Center, Dr. Gerald Fishman.

"My first memories of the agency," he recalled," were learning to use a white cane with the aid of my mobility instructor."

> Mr. Chanen's interest in vision care coupled with his passion for community service made him a

A top priority was initiating a successful fundraising and planned giving campaign. The end result was \$17 million for Lighthouse programs and services, among other things.

"I'm really glad that I did this," he smiled. "I was thrilled to work with my Co-Chair Joel who is passionate in his support of the agency.

Together with the aid of The Lighthouse's development team, we were able to pursue the right strategy."

"Everyone here at The Chicago Lighthouse owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Frank," said Lighthouse President & CEO Dr. Janet Szlyk. "The new space at our agency, which houses several of our critical programs, will always be a testimony to his vision, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment to The Lighthouse."

Mr. Chanen, who is passionate about classical music and books and enjoys spending the winter months in Florida, expresses much optimism about The Lighthouse's future.

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Shown at their new jobs at the Illinois Tollway Customer Service Call Center are left to right: Marcin Okreglak, Lonnie S. Jones Jr. and Megan Craig.



## Illinois Tollway Call Center Now Managed by The Chicago Lighthouse

The Chicago Lighthouse attained a new milestone on November 5, 2013 with the formal dedication of a state-of-the-art Illinois Tollway Customer Service Call Center that is being managed by The Lighthouse. In 2012, the agency competed for and won a five-year contract from the Illinois Tollway Authority to manage its call center operations.

Housed on the University of Illinois at Chicago campus, the call center is providing critical employment opportunities for individuals who are blind, visually impaired, otherwise disabled or Veterans. Furthermore, it enables the Tollway to make it easier for its growing number of I-PASS customers to get personalized, one-on-one assistance when they need help with their accounts.

Lighthouse President & CEO Dr. Janet Szlyk joined Congressman Danny Davis, Tollway Board Chair Paula Wolff, Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur and other guests in cutting

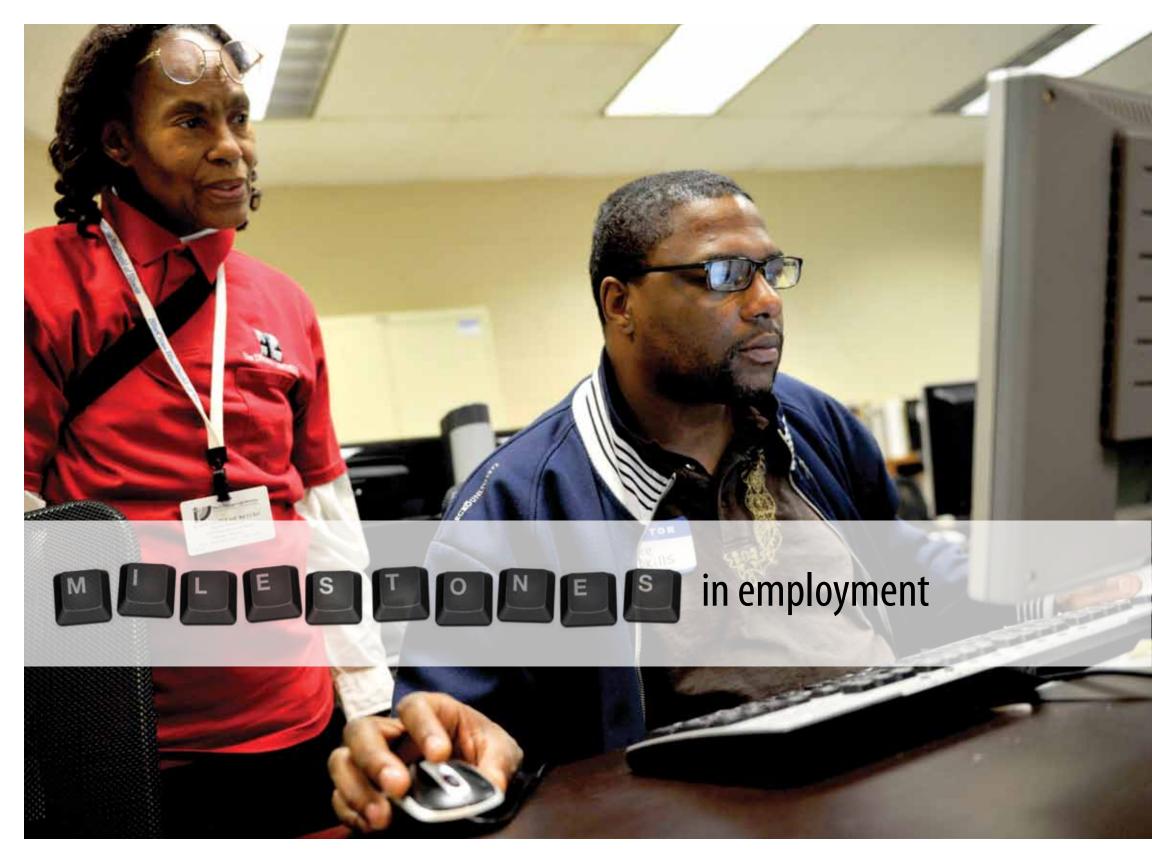
the ribbon to the new facility.

Dr. Szlyk thanked Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and Tollway officials for their vote of confidence in The Lighthouse. She also extended her appreciation to Lighthouse Board Chair Bruce Hague and the rest of the agency's Board of Directors for their support.

Also addressing the audience was Marcin Okreglak, employed in the call center's mailroom. Okreglak, who is visually impaired, gave a moving presentation on how much having a job means to him after being unemployed for two and a half years. He thanked Dr. Szlyk and the Tollway for giving him this opportunity.

In an interview with the *Chicago Tribune*, another call center employee Shallenmanda Taylor also expressed appreciation for her new position. "It's getting me back into the workforce, back into the hang of things," she said.





# Lighthouse Teams Up with Informis and Illinois Department of Insurance to Inform Public about Affordable Care Act

To help educate Illinois residents about the changes in health care options with the roll out of the new Affordable Care Act, The Lighthouse entered into a partnership with Informis Health Solutions, a Chicago-based firm serving the health care marketplace, and the Illinois Department of Insurance. Specifically, the agency has recruited and trained individuals with visual impairments to answer inquiries from the public. These agents are now taking calls at the call center located in Informis' West Loop headquarters.

"We are thrilled to partner with The Chicago Lighthouse and the State of Illinois in delivering clear, comprehensive answers regarding the Affordable Care Act to the citizens of Illinois," said Informis President Paul van Berkum. "That we have the opportunity to employ so many individuals from the local community and individuals with visual disabilities is a benefit for everyone involved," he added.

Christina Tran, director of customer service training at The Lighthouse, pointed out that agents are carefully trained to provide callers with the information they need to make informed decisions about their particular insurance needs and then are directed to the correct resource to fulfill their enrollment requirements.

"We extend our deepest appreciation to Informis and the Illinois Department of Insurance for working with us in providing these exciting job opportunities to talented Chicago Lighthouse employees who are blind or visually impaired," Ms. Tran stated.

# Lighthouse and IDFPR Kick Off New Customer Service Center

The Lighthouse entered into a ground-breaking agreement with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to manage a new call center, which will provide employment for several individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Approximately 50% of the call center staff is blind or visually impaired. The center, located at The Lighthouse's headquarters on Roosevelt Road, is currently employing 17 people.

The two-year contract enables Lighthouse employees to provide assistance to licensed businesses and individual customers with questions about obtaining a new professional license, finding authorized providers of continuing education, renewing a current license, handling a disciplinary action and other questions that have in the past been managed by temporary staff. IDFPR licenses and regulates more than one million professionals and businesses in Illinois.

"We extend our deepest appreciation to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for this amazing opportunity to provide employment for many talented individuals who are blind or visually impaired," said Dr. Janet Szlyk, Chicago Lighthouse President & CEO.

To announce the new venture, Dr. Szlyk along with IDFPR officials held a joint news conference on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Chicago Tribune and WBBM-AM covered the event.



# New Preschool Inaugurated at Chicago Lighthouse

The Chicago Lighthouse unveiled its innovative Preschool for All on September 30, 2013 with an initial enrollment of 12 students from ages 3 to 5 who are low income, blind or visually impaired or sighted.

Funding for the new initiative was made possible earlier this year through a grant from the Chicago Public Schools (CPS).

"We are absolutely thrilled to get this grant and extend our deepest appreciation to CPS for their support," said Dr. Janet Szlyk, Lighthouse President & CEO.

The preschool initiative is consistent with the agency's mission of promoting greater independence and opening doors to more opportunities for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Studies show that children who are engaged in reading at a young age subsequently perform better in school and achieve greater success.

"Our motto is *Literacy for All*, and we are making literacy a core component of our preschool, as we believe it is critical to the success of individuals in both their career aspirations and quality of life," Dr. Szlyk stated.

Mary Zabelski, senior vice president of educational services at The Lighthouse, noted that some of the students will be recent graduates of the agency's highly respected Birth-to-Three program. "Their learning will continue through our preschool, putting the children in a more advantageous position as they enter kindergarten," she maintained.

Another plus according to Lisa Karpas, the early childhood teacher at the preschool, is the nurturing of a diverse environment, where youngsters develop mutual respect as they learn together side by side. "Since some of our children may be visually impaired and come from low-income areas, we can tailor the instruction to their individual needs," she said.

Parent and family classes will be included as part of the program. Some of the topics will encompass health and wellness, child development and cooking with your child. To accommodate each youngster's individual needs, all materials, toys and books will be adapted in Braille and large print.

The preschool has won the endorsement of Sarah Sebert, a former Illinois State Board of Education monitor for The Lighthouse, who now currently works for the early childhood community-based program at the Chicago Public Schools. "The new Early Childhood program at The Lighthouse is a wonderful blend of public and private resources, combining Chicago Ready to Learn grant funds with the service provision skills of the well-respected Chicago Lighthouse," Ms. Sebert stated.

"Children with visual impairments benefit from experiences with sighted peers, and the neighborhood children learn to enjoy friends with different abilities," she continued. "It is really a win-win situation!"

Enrollment opportunities in the preschool, which is free for those who qualify, are still available.

Please contact Ms. Zabelski at (312) 997-3675 or e-mail mary.zabelski@chicagolighthouse.org for more information.



# Southwest Expedition Offers Once in a Lifetime Adventure for Sighted and Visually Impaired Young Adults

The awe-inspiring beauty of the great American southwest along with its rich cultural traditions, spectacular national monuments and star-studded skies were on full display to youngsters participating in last summer's Lighthouse Away Southwest Expedition. This very special program, which took place from July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>, provided a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience for students between the ages of 15 and 19 who are both sighted and blind/low vision.

The nine-day odyssey to the Four Corners area of the United States where Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah all come together also represented a unique partnership between The Chicago Lighthouse and Global Explorers, a nonprofit organization which provides transformative journeys for students.

The goal was to have sighted and visually impaired students come together, learn from each other and develop a sense of mutual respect while undergoing an unforgettable wilderness adventure, according to Dr. Janet Szlyk, Lighthouse President & CEO. She thanked Lighthouse Board Member Julie Stark for being a guiding light behind the trip. Ms. Stark's son, Noah, was a participant.

"Though the students came from different backgrounds, they all gained a greater appreciation for the qualities that they have in common," Dr. Szlyk said.

Among the students who participated was Jessica Hess, 18, whose Hurlers Syndrome has to alimited degree affected her vision. Jessica is also sensitive to the needs of people with more serious disabilities than her own as her older sister, Rachel, 22, has experienced more profound effects of Hurlers.

Jessica first came into contact last year with The Lighthouse's Glenview facility through its cooking and horseback riding classes, initially expressed concerns about participating. "I'm kind of shy," she shared. "I decided to go because I thought that I would have a good time and gain more confidence in myself."

Once on board, Jessica found that she quickly fit in. She successfully overcame her fear of rock climbing, found that floating in the river wasn't as hard as it may have appeared and discovered that camping was a "little rough," but she still survived!

An aspiring actress who hopes to pursue theatrical studies, Rachel even led the other participants in singing popular Broadway songs at the evening gatherings.

"Everyone on the expedition was wonderful," she beamed. "We learned from each other, we helped one another, grew close, and in the process became very good friends."



# Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired Receive \$45,000 in Scholarships

Thirty exemplary students from across the U.S. who are blind or visually impaired are a step closer to realizing their dream of a college or advanced degree, thanks to scholarship awards from The Chicago Lighthouse.

The awards totaling \$45,000 were presented on August 3<sup>rd</sup> in a festive ceremony at The Lighthouse that was attended by the recipients, their families, friends and donors to the program.

In addition, the audience heard stirring remarks from Valerie Beavers, mother of the late Bradley Matthews, a previous scholarship winner; and one of this year's recipients, Adrian Rodriquez. Both speakers urged the students to keep working hard and never stop striving to achieve their goals.

The students, who hail from eight states, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.49 out of 4.0 points: six of the recipients are seeking an Associate's degree; 36 a Bachelor's, eight a Master's and four a Ph.D.

The awards are made possible by generous scholarship donors.

For more information about the Scholarship Program, or to make a donation, please contact Sarah Brophy, development assistant, at (312)666-1331, ext. 3138 or e-mail sarah.brophy@chicagolighthouse.org

# Lighthouse Selected for First Illinois BELL Summer Camp

This past summer, The Chicago Lighthouse hosted the first ever Illinois gathering of the BELL (Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning) program. The two-week camp, conducted by the Chicago chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, provided visually impaired children with extensive Braille instruction through fun and hands-on learning activities. In addition to classroom instruction, the children, who ranged from four to twelve years of age, had the opportunity to take trips to the beach and Navy Pier as well as cook, rock climb, bowl and participate in other events.

Amy Lund, who headed the Chicago program, expressed her appreciation to Lighthouse staff members for their support. We could not have had a happier place to host our program!"



# 2013 Highlights



## Innovative Research and Technology Showcased at First Science Fair

The Lighthouse's world class initiatives in vision

rehabilitation research and assistive technologies were showcased during the agency's first Science Fair on August 29, 2013. Board members, donors and their guests attended the event, which featured different "stations" focusing on a specific technology or program.

Highlights included a demonstration of the implantable miniature telescope, a driving simulator, the latest in adaptive technologies from the Tools for Living Store and eSight, a new technology that made its U.S. debut at The Lighthouse.

"We wanted something that not only showcased what we had to offer, but something that our guests could interact with," said Tom Perski, senior vice-president of rehabilitation services, who also provided demonstrations at the event.

Another presenter was two-time Lighthouse scholarship recipient Adrian Rodriguez, who discussed Google's special new glasses and how they may be adapted to help people with low vision.

Concluding the fair, Dr. Stuart Richer, director of the Ocular Preventive Medicine Laboratory at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center Eye Clinic, offered his perspective on "The Role of Resveratrol in Preserving Vision."

Among special guests was Jean Arp, an 88 year old Quincy, Illinois resident who recently had a telescopic implant in her right eye, enabling her to conduct everyday sight tasks. Ms. Arp, who received post surgery therapy at The Lighthouse, can now see the faces of people she formerly knew only as voices.

"We were delighted that Jean Arp could join us," said Mr. Perski. "Her compelling story humanizes the technology that we highlighted today!"

#### Seniors Program Offers iPads for Older Adults



In an ongoing effort to bring the latest in assistive technology to older adults to help with everyday living, The Lighthouse's Seniors Program acquired six iPads last summer to use in training classes. iPads were purchased due to

the fact that all Apple products come with built in features of magnification and Voiceover, which is a screen reader.

Classes are designed for adults who are 55 years of age or older and visually impaired. The trainings teach clients the gestures used to utilize Voiceover and the magnification tools. With these skills, clients can use an iPad just like anyone else.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive," noted Alixandra Foisy, program director. "Our participants appreciate that the iPads provide an easier pathway to obtaining information." She extended her deepest appreciation to longtime Lighthouse supporter, Mrs. Beatrice Mayer, who generously purchased the iPads for the program.

To showcase their efforts, both Mrs. Foisy and Matt Grear, activity coordinator with the Seniors Program, have been presenting their trainings for other professionals locally and on the state level. Most recently they presented at the Governor's Conference on Aging and Disability on December 12, 2013.

## Chicago Lighthouse Unveils New Sunlight Café

Welcome to the new Sunlight Café, an innovative partnership between The Chicago Lighthouse and Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School. It offers a wide selection of fresh fruit, tasty breakfast and lunch wraps, salads and even savory Caribou coffee.



The café, which officially debuted on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013, is dedicated to providing healthy and delicious cuisine prepared by student interns trained at the famed institution.

In her dedication remarks, Lighthouse President & CEO Dr. Janet Szlyk praised Lighthouse board member Bruce Foudree and agency friend Kaye Rahn for helping to initiate the partnership.

Chef Jeff Santicola, former Director of Education at Le Cordon Bleu, noted that the new venture will enable the school's students, several of whom have a disability, to hone their skills by working in an actual cafeteria environment. Café Manager Scott Nye, a Le Cordon Bleu graduate who previously worked at Whole Foods, agreed that the partnership was a plus for both organizations. "For the benefit of our customers, we've been able to tap into the expertise of talented student chefs from one of the world's great cooking schools!"

# FCC Awards Lighthouse *iCanConnect* Technology Program for Deaf-Blind

Noting its successful track record in serving the visually and hearing impaired communities, The Lighthouse was chosen to implement *iCanConnect*, the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program established and funded by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The service provides communications technology free of charge to low-income people of all ages with combined vision and hearing loss in each state.

"We are grateful to the FCC for giving us the opportunity to make this critical technology available to individuals who are deaf or blind across our state," said Joann Rushing, director of the agency's Deaf-Blind outreach program. The Lighthouse is well positioned to manage this initiative, given that it has



the only program in Illinois working specifically with the adult deaf-blind population.

Since it began implementing the FCC's grant, staff members have traveled throughout Illinois distributing equipment and training 34 participants in new communications technology.



"I GOT FIFTY CENTS
ALLOWANCE A WEEK,"
HE RECALLED, "AND I
DIDN'T NEED ALL THAT
MONEY!"

## We Say Goodbye to Our Friend, Corwith Hamill The Lighthouse's Longest Continuous Donor, and Hello to a New Society in His Honor

Corwith Hamill donated to The Lighthouse nearly all his life. Back when he was in grade school, his grandmother urged him to start giving to charities. "It's never too early to start giving," she told him. She gave him a list of "worthy" charities that she already gave to, and The Chicago Lighthouse was on that list. "I got fifty cents allowance a week," he recalled, "and I didn't need all that money! I didn't have many expenses then." So, he started giving to The Lighthouse.

Mr. Hamill, who was known as Corky to his friends and family, gave annually to The Lighthouse ever since. Between Corky and his grandmother, they donated for nearly our entire 107 year history. *In fact, Corky generously donated over one million dollars to The Chicago Lighthouse in the last ten years of his life.* 

Mr. Hamill passed away last summer. He was 99 ½ years young. He kept his great sense of humor until the end. When a Lighthouse staff member remarked to him three weeks before he died that "he was the most handsome 99 year old man that she knew," he said with a smile without missing a beat, "Do you know any other 99 year old men?"

In recognition of Mr. Hamill and his generosity to us, we have created a new society named in his memory. The Corwith Hamill Society will honor and recognize our long-term donors. Stay tuned for our new circle of donors that will be announced and honored early in 2014: Gold is twenty or more years of continuous giving, Silver is fifteen, and Bronze is ten.

Corky, we will miss you and all that you have done for The Chicago Lighthouse, but your spirit of giving will always live on here.

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## 2012 - 2013 Financial Summary and Comparison

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION as of June 30

| ASSETS  |  |  |
|---|--|--|
|   | 2012                                       | 2013                                       |
| Cash  | \$<br>530,796                              | \$<br>282,311                              |
| Receivables, Net  | 3,235,383                                  | 4,362,629                                  |
| Inventories   | 925,884                                    | 936,709                                    |
| Investments   | 14,541,982                                 | 13,927,302                                 |
| Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts   | 524,823                                    | 530,241                                    |
| Prepaid Expenses  | 237,479                                    | 336,349                                    |
| Land, Building and Equipment, Net   | 10,925,097                                 | 10,449,597                                 |
| Total Assets  | \$<br>30,921,444                           | \$<br>30,825,138                           |
|   |  |  |
| LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS  |  |  |
|   |  |  |
| Liabilities   | \$<br>4,376,643                            | \$<br>5,352,226                            |
|   | \$<br>4,376,643                            | \$<br>5,352,226                            |
| Liabilities   | \$<br>4,376,643<br>9,647,917               | \$<br>5,352,226<br>8,210,913               |
| Liabilities<br>Net Assets   | \$<br>, ,                                  | \$   |
| Liabilities<br>Net Assets<br>Unrestricted   | \$<br>9,647,917                            | \$<br>8,210,913                            |
| Liabilities Net Assets Unrestricted Unrestricted, Board Designated                        | \$<br>9,647,917<br>11,052,614              | \$<br>8,210,913<br>11,695,840              |
| Liabilities Net Assets Unrestricted Unrestricted, Board Designated Temporarily Restricted | \$<br>9,647,917<br>11,052,614<br>3,880,421 | \$<br>8,210,913<br>11,695,840<br>3,596,479 |

# STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES Period ended June 30

| REVENUES  |                   |                   |   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---|
|   | 2012              | 2013              |   |
| Contributions & Bequests  | \$<br>4,078,138   | \$<br>4,075,730   | > |
| Lighthouse Industries Sales   | 4,259,724         | 4,109,886         |   |
| Call Centers/Service Contracts  | 1,625,321         | 2,779,151         | 6 |
| Program Revenues  | 6,682,112         | 6,264,201         |   |
| Investment Income   | 391,326           | 438,026           |   |
| Miscellaneous   | 93,879            | 49,604            | 3 |
| Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements                                  | (52,919)          | (5,517)           | h |
| Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments                                       | 1,106,889         | 185,465           | 4 |
| Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) of Long Term Investments | (1,690,413)       | 896,183           |   |
| Total Revenues  | \$<br>16,494,057  | \$<br>18,792,729  |   |
| EXPENSES  |                   |                   |   |
| Program Services  | \$<br>15,303,550  | \$<br>15,965,914  |   |
| Management & General  | 2,725,411         | 2,965,168         | d |
| Fundraising   | 659,400           | 743,545           |   |
| Public Relations  | 238,255           | 189,991           | 4 |
| Total Expenses  | \$<br>18,926,616  | \$<br>19,864,618  |   |
| CHANGE in NET ASSETS  | \$<br>(2,432,559) | \$<br>(1,071,889) |   |
|   |                   |                   |   |
| Net Assets at Beginning of Year   | \$<br>28,977,360  | \$<br>26,544,801  | 1 |

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Tot Rock March 22, 2014 Seeing What's Possible Annual Dinner May 22, 2014 The Chicago Lighthouse Associate Board 28<sup>th</sup> Annual House & Garden Walk June 25, 2014















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