



The Chicago
Lighthouse

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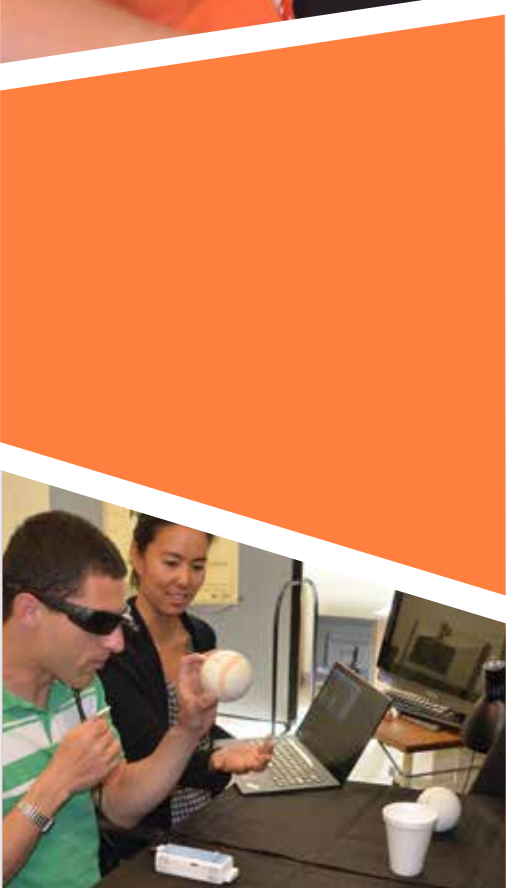
CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE'S COMMUNITY OF CARE ATTRACTS GLOBAL AUDIENCE

As one of the oldest non-profits in the country, offering a broad array of comprehensive programs to people who are blind or visually impaired, The Chicago Lighthouse has long been a national trendsetter and role model for other organizations.

Recently, The Lighthouse's initiatives in research, employment, education and other areas have caught the attention of health care specialists, policymakers, teachers and other professionals from overseas. As a result, The Chicago Lighthouse is becoming a global player in the vision rehabilitation arena.

In past years, representatives from China, Russia, England, Germany, Italy, the Middle East and other places visited the agency and met with staff to get a first-hand look at its world-class programs. They also wanted to get background information on how they could launch a local version of The Chicago Lighthouse in their native lands.

For us, it is most gratifying that The Chicago Lighthouse is developing a reputation abroad as a "go to place" and for being an authority on vision care and related areas. It is a tribute to all the amazing people in our community of care who work tirelessly to carry out The Lighthouse's mission to change lives!





DEAR FRIENDS,

By any measure, 2015 was a year of superlatives for The Chicago Lighthouse! We continued our proud tradition of introducing groundbreaking initiatives to better serve the blind, visually impaired, disabled and Veteran communities.


We are spotlighting Judy and Ray McCaskey, wonderful supporters of our early education programs, and for whom we are naming our blended preschool. In addition, with generous funding from the McCormick Foundation and the Boeing Corporation, we are implementing a call center at The Lighthouse to help connect Illinois Veterans with appropriate resources and services. Other highlights include the unveiling of a totally revamped website which will better serve our diverse audiences and allow us to reach new participants, donors, and other friends. All these exciting developments bring home the point that The Lighthouse provides a community of care offering the most innovative and far-reaching programs that change lives!

Amongst those lives we've impacted is Alison Dalton, a talented violinist with the CSO who became visually impaired, but was able to resume her promising career after receiving help from The Pangere Center. The Center is celebrating its 5th anniversary at The Lighthouse. There are also Michael Smith, a Veteran, and Kimberly Duhart, who is physically disabled, both of whom found rewarding career paths thanks to employment opportunities in our call centers. You'll be able to read their compelling, inspirational stories in these pages.

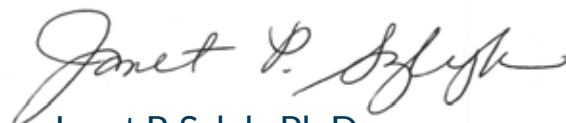
As we prepare to observe the 110th anniversary of The Chicago Lighthouse in 2016, we look forward to many other new, game-changing developments in the coming year.

We invite you to be part of the celebration.

Meantime, on behalf of all the people whose lives we've touched, we thank you for your generous support!



Richard H. Schnadig
Chair, Board of Directors



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



VIOLINIST CONTINUES TO PLAY BEAUTIFUL MUSIC DESPITE VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

“I’ve never met a stronger person in my life!”

That comment from one of her closest friends is shared by many others who know her, are blown away by her talent, and are inspired by her “can do” attitude to continue doing what she loves despite a visual disability that threatened to derail her career.

Her career began at the tender age of 13 when she played with the Utah Symphony, which ultimately led to an

opportunity with the world renowned Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) where she has received accolades for her brilliant performances as a violinist.

Everything was going well and Alison Dalton had enjoyed perfect vision her entire life until just three years ago, when in 2012, she began experiencing difficulty reading music.

For someone like Ms. Dalton, who must clearly identify musical notes, such a development posed a real occupational

hazard!

“I just couldn’t perform and needed to take time to deal with the problem as best I could,” she recalled. For its part, the CSO was very supportive and granted her an extended leave of absence with full benefits. That was in September, 2013 and for the next several months, Ms. Dalton “bounced around 40 doctors,” trying to get answers to her problem.

Fortunately, The Chicago Lighthouse was able to help.

In September, 2014, Ms. Dalton began seeing Dr. Gerald Fishman, The Lighthouse’s internationally respected ophthalmologist.

He explained that Ms. Dalton is coping with a form of macular degeneration, a malady which creates damage to the retinal cells. A common end result is that the individual will experience gaps in their vision.

“Dr. Fishman is just terrific,” she smiled. “He was very thorough in explaining what my options were.”

Dr. Fishman also referred Ms. Dalton to other key Lighthouse staff members who could assist her by providing technological devices and counseling.

“Alison inspires us because, rather than sit around and feel sorry for herself, she is a fighter who adopts creative ways to cope with her visual impairment,” he noted.

Ms. Dalton’s special needs required her to think outside the box and come

up with an innovative system of using scans of printed orchestral parts and digitized sheet music that was greatly magnified up to many times its original size, enabling her to more clearly identify the musical notes despite her notably reduced vision. She developed

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the process in close collaboration with her close friend, Professor Joy Bergelson of the University of Chicago, who provided critical assistance.

Throughout her life-changing ordeal, Ms. Dalton enjoyed the unflinching support of her husband, Charles; her children; Ms. Bergelson; as well as her CSO colleagues, including Maestro Riccardo Muti.

“For anyone dealing with a disability, having a strong support system in place is absolutely essential,” she reflected.

Ms. Dalton’s perseverance paid off as she made a triumphant return this past summer, playing with the CSO at the popular Ravinia Festival.

Though her vision problem will remain and may worsen, she remains upbeat.

“Hang in there and don’t quit! Remember all the beautiful things in life that make it so worthwhile,” she says.

[View our video story of Alison at www.chicagolighthouse.org/story/meet-alison](http://www.chicagolighthouse.org/story/meet-alison)



PANGERE CENTER MARKS FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The Pangere Center for Inherited Retinal Diseases at The Chicago Lighthouse marked five years of outstanding service in 2015.

Under the leadership of Dr. Gerald Fishman, an internationally recognized ophthalmologist, the Pangere Center provides state-of-the-art diagnosis and

prognosis of various blinding retinal diseases and has evolved into a top-tier research and teaching facility that attracts doctors from the U.S. and abroad.

The fifth anniversary of the Center coincides with another honor for Dr. Fishman: his selection by *Chicago*

Magazine as one of the city's "Top Doctors." He also made the list in 2013 and was previously named as one of "The Best Doctors in America" by the firm Castle Connolly.

The global drawing power of the Center is reflected in the recent roster of distinguished visitors who have spent time there studying and conducting research with Dr. Fishman.

Among them were Zhong Hu from the Chinese RP Foundation; Drs. Fangtian Dong and Ruifang Sui from Peking Union Medical College Hospital; Dr. Andrea Sodi from the Eye Clinic at the University of Florence, Italy; and Anastasios Anastasakis,



M.D., Ophthalmic Surgeon, Athens Eye Hospital in Greece.

Dedicated in 2010, the Center is named in honor of Steve and Georgiann Pangere. A widely respected business and civic leader, Mr. Pangere heads his family's construction business in Gary, Indiana. Visually impaired himself, he is a patient and longtime friend of Dr. Fishman. Georgiann Pangere is an accomplished jazz singer who has performed in both Europe and the United States.

Along with The Sandy and Rick Forsythe Center for Comprehensive Vision Care and The Bergman Institute for Psychological Support, the Pangere Center enables The Chicago Lighthouse to offer a system of rehabilitative care that is nationally recognized and respected.



Dr. Gerald Fishman (center) and the staff of The Pangere Center for Inherited Retinal Diseases pose for a group photo. The Center has evolved into a top-tier research and teaching facility that attracts doctors from the U.S. and abroad.



INNOVATIVE BRAINPORT DEVICE AT LIGHTHOUSE IMPACTS LIVES OF NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

A 34-year-old journalist from Argentina whose willingness to try something different propelled him to make a 6,000 mile journey to Chicago.

An energetic 20-year-old from Dallas who is a self-described “technology geek.”

A 30-year old shipper from Newark, Ohio, who inadvertently discovered new hope after reading a John Grisham novel.

What do they have in common? All three are totally blind whose lives were dramatically changed by The Chicago Lighthouse in 2015.

Federico Romagnoli, John Vickers and Nicholas “Drew” Boorn each came to The Lighthouse to work with the cutting-edge BrainPort V100 vision device, which gives individuals who are blind the ability to do things like recognize and reach for nearby objects; identify letters and numbers; and

eventually become more aware of their surroundings.

Developed by Wicab, Inc., a Middleton, Wisconsin-based medical device company, the BrainPort V100 is a nonsurgical FDA-approved assistive visual aid that translates visual information from a digital video camera to a blind person's tongue, through gentle electrical stimulation.

The Lighthouse has worked with Wicab in providing training and systematically testing and evaluating the device.

Vickers, who lost his vision at the age of 5 due to a brain tumor, has the distinction of being the first patient in the U.S. to receive training with BrainPort following its approval from the FDA in 2015.

Boorn, who lost his vision recently as the result of an accident, came across BrainPort in an unusual way. He was



Federico Romagnoli (left), a journalist from Argentina who is totally blind, and Meesa Maeng, a research associate with The Chicago Lighthouse's low vision research laboratory. Federico was so eager to try BrainPort that he travelled some 6,000 miles to do so!



Nicholas "Drew" Boorn (3rd from left) in the research lab along with family members and Meesa Maeng. Drew, who lost his vision recently as the result of an accident, is optimistic about the potential of Brainport.

introduced to the audio version of the John Grisham novel, *Innocent Man*, in which the lead character, a blind police officer, utilizes the device.

Upon arriving at The Lighthouse, each man was assisted by Meesa Maeng, a research associate who works in the agency's renowned low vision laboratory directed by Lighthouse President and CEO Dr. Janet Szlyk.

"BrainPort essentially draws a picture on their tongues, and they have to figure out what that is," Maeng stated. "It takes training, patience and time, but it is a very promising start!"

All three praised the device for its life-changing potential and expressed optimism about the overall impact this technology will have in opening additional doors for people who are blind.



PROFILE: MICHAEL SMITH, VETERAN AND UI HEALTH CUSTOMER SERVICE AGENT

He joined the U.S. Navy and had a chance to see the world. He has a strong interest in film and broadcasting. He also enjoys bowling and cross-country running.

Most importantly, he derives his greatest satisfaction from helping others.

Meet Michael Smith, a U.S. Navy Vet-

eran who attained the rank of Second Class Petty Officer, and is a recent addition to the team at the UI Health Customer Service Call Center here at The Chicago Lighthouse.

“I heard about the job while attending a Veteran’s fair last winter,” Smith recalled. “I have been a long-time admirer of the work The Lighthouse

does for people with disabilities so this just seemed like a perfect fit!”

A Detroit native who studied at San Jose City College in California, he says his life has been guided by four main principles: Be impeccable in your speech; don't take anything personal; don't assume anything and always do your best.

Asked what he likes most about his job as a call center agent, Smith flashes a broad smile and says: “I just love to help people with their problems. If someone needs to get in touch with a doctor, for example, and I help make that happen, I can take pride in that.”

Along the way, he has developed a strong empathy for people with disabilities.

“While serving in Japan, I wouldn't see people in wheelchairs or otherwise disabled. In America, we seem to have a greater appreciation for individuals who are disabled and welcome their contributions to our society,” Smith stated.

For his immediate goals, he hopes to excel at his job in the call center and perhaps pen a screenplay on his experiences.

“I've been fortunate to have come into contact with so many wonderful people. I only hope that I could do justice to their remarkable stories!”

View our video story of Michael at www.chicagolighthouse.org/story/meet-michael

MICHAEL SMITH SPEARHEADS ILLINOIS JOINING FORCES INITIATIVE AT LIGHTHOUSE

His outstanding work as a call center agent has propelled Michael Smith to a leadership role with the Illinois Joining Forces initiative at The Chicago Lighthouse. Championed by Vice President Joe Biden and First Lady Michelle Obama, the national Joining Forces campaign works hand in hand with the public and private sectors to ensure that Veterans, including those on active duty, and their families have the tools they need to succeed throughout their lives. Located at The Lighthouse, the new customer service center is funded with a generous grant by the McCormick Foundation and Boeing Corporation. It will provide timely information on food, housing, employment, education, business development, loans and other areas. A toll-free number to access this information will be available to Veterans across Illinois by the end of March 2016. “This initiative will assist Veterans in making a smoother transition to civilian life,” noted Smith, a U.S. Navy Veteran, who will handle the calls. He pointed out that a million Veterans in the state will be eligible to participate. Smith says that he is eager to get started. “It is such an honor to give back to the Veteran community and I wish to thank The Chicago Lighthouse for giving me this amazing opportunity.”

LIGHTHOUSE HOSTS NAPVI CONFERENCE



Two youngsters who attended the NAPVI conference this past summer.

For the first time ever, The Chicago Lighthouse played host this past summer to the prestigious NAPVI (National Association of Parents of Visually Impaired Children) National Family Conference.

The annual conference, which took place July 10-12, is widely regarded as the only event of its kind that brings together experts from all over the U.S. to

speak to families directly about caring for a child with visual impairments and other disabilities. The dynamic program featured physicians, educators, researchers, policymakers and exhibitors from organizations and businesses that serve people with visual disabilities.

The special gathering welcomed parents from across the country and their children who cope with visual impairments and other disabilities. This year's program even attracted visitors from overseas, including the family of a visually impaired child from Australia.

Additional highlights included an adaptive sports program for the

children; networking; an assistive technology showcase; and an old fashioned ice cream social sponsored by Scooter's Frozen Custard.

Distinguished speakers included James Kesteloot, past Lighthouse president and newly elected chair of the U.S. Ability One Commission; David Lepofsky, a prominent Canadian attorney who has been a strong advocate for new laws to protect the rights of people with disabilities; Dr. Gerald Fishman, the internationally renowned ophthalmologist who directs The Lighthouse's Pangere Center for Inherited Retinal Diseases; Dr. David Gamm, a leading authority on stem cell research in ophthalmology; Matt Simpson, membership and outreach coordinator for the U.S. Association of Blind Athletes; and Kevin E. O'Connor, a past NAPVI president and lecturer.



Beep-ball competitions were held during the NAPVI conference. Among those pictured is beep kickball founder, Judy Byrd (far right).



The Chicago Lighthouse

2015 MARKS NEW WEBSITE AND LOGO

In time for its 110th anniversary celebration in 2016, The Chicago Lighthouse launched a totally revamped website that will better serve its diverse audiences and attract new supporters from around the world.

The new site aims to provide a digital experience that replicates the compassion and care clients feel when coming to The Lighthouse. Design, content and functionality choices reflect feedback gathered from program participants and other stakeholders.

Highlights include bold graphics, inviting colors and dynamic video segments that illustrate how The Lighthouse has dramatically changed the lives of people it serves. The site also offers several enhanced features that improve accessibility for people who are blind or visually impaired, including built-in magnification and speech reading capabilities.

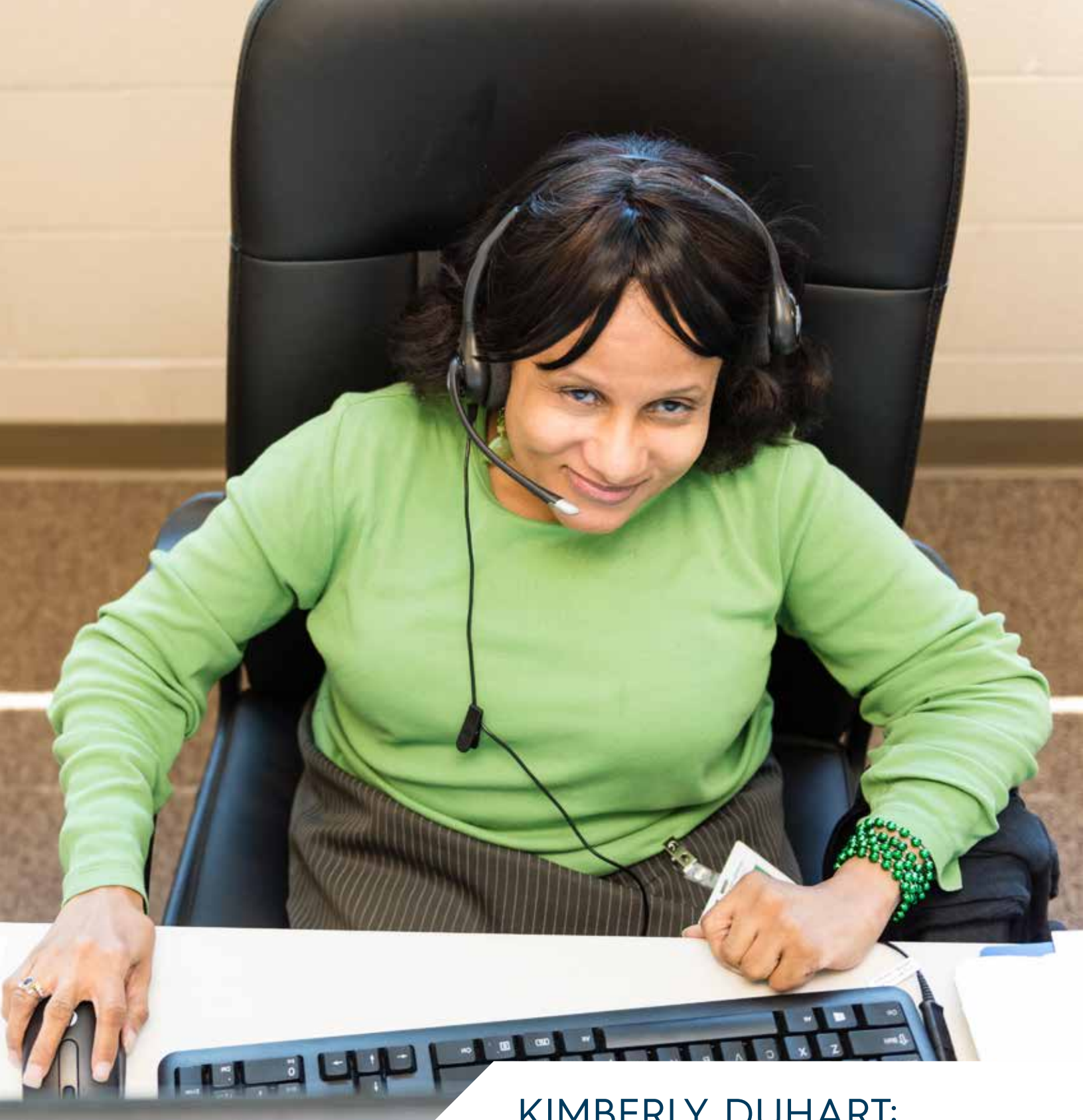
“Now our website better reflects who we are and where we are going,” noted Dr. Warren Chapman, chief advancement officer. Dr. Chapman

added that the repackaging of the website is part of an overall branding campaign that will increase awareness of The Lighthouse.

In addition, the agency has unveiled a new logo which reflects a move to modernize its identity, while maintaining the messaging that The Lighthouse serves as a beacon of hope to its community. The logo also incorporates its distinctive Chicago identity through the use of concentric C’s.



Rana Marks, a key staff member on the website project, demonstrates the responsive design that adjusts to mobile, tablet and desktop displays. This was a driving force to re-design the website.



KIMBERLY DUHART:
LIGHTHOUSE CUSTOMER
SERVICE AGENT WINS
PUBLIC OVER



When you speak with Kimberly Duhart, an agent with The Chicago Lighthouse's University of Illinois (UI) Health Customer Service Call Center, you can't help coming away impressed with both her engaging personality and intelligence.

Those traits have helped Kimberly excel in her post, which includes performing such tasks as scheduling appointments for patients wishing to use the hospital's dermatology clinic; checking insurance; and reviewing medical records.

"I really enjoy my job and derive a great deal of satisfaction in helping others," she says with a quick smile.

Though disabled herself, she has never let that trait impact her life in a negative way.

Kimberly was an overachiever at school, earning bachelor's and master's degrees, respectively, from DePaul University in computer information systems and business information technology.

Before completing her degrees, Kimberly held key positions in computer services with Kennedy King College and the American Dairy Products Institute.

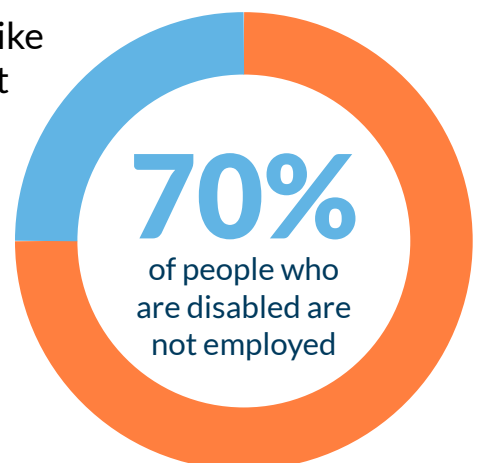
Looking for new challenges, she attended a Lighthouse job fair in 2013. In her customary way, Kimberly made a great impression and was hired as a customer service agent in the new Illinois Tollway Customer Service Center, which is managed by The Lighthouse. She held the position for nearly two years, winning high praise for providing exemplary service.

Then another door opened at the UI Health Call Center, which aligned more closely with Kimberly's goals of a career in health care management.

Noting the high unemployment rate among people with disabilities, she expresses her appreciation to The Lighthouse for going the extra mile to assist her and others in securing meaningful employment.

"The Lighthouse is awesome," Kimberly smiles. "Unlike other places where I worked, they really care about their employees who have a disability and do all they can to provide an environment that is friendly and comfortable."

She also points out that the agency is sincere in wanting to hire and promote people with disabilities. "Many employers say that they'll hire you if you have a disability, but never do. The Lighthouse does!"



HIGHLIGHTS

Lighthouse Dinner Honors ABC 7, Congressman Davis



Both a longtime public servant and media outlet took center stage May 14th as The Chicago Lighthouse saluted both Congressman Danny Davis and ABC 7 for their outstanding support of people with disabilities.

The Lighthouse gave its highest honor, the “Beacon of Light” Award, to both Congressman Davis and ABC 7 during its 2015 “Seeing What’s Possible” Dinner at the Drake Hotel.

In his distinguished career as a member of Congress, Representative Davis has been a staunch supporter and crusader for people who are blind, visually impaired and otherwise disabled. ABC 7 is one of the few media outlets in the nation that covers the challenges and triumphs of people with disabilities.

The gala event, which attracted more than 340 guests, raised nearly \$300,000.

Lighthouse President & CEO Dr. Janet Szlyk singled out for special praise Lighthouse Board member and noted Chicagoan, Anida Johnson “Cookie” Cohen who served as dinner chair

Chicago Lighthouse Awards 2015 Scholarships



Forty-one exemplary students who are blind or visually impaired are a step closer to realizing their dream of a college or graduate degree thanks to scholarship awards from The Chicago Lighthouse. The awards were presented on July 25th.

“It is impossible to attend this event and not come away inspired and awed by the compelling stories and ‘can do attitudes’ of our recipients,” said Dr. Joel Kaplan, a Lighthouse Board member who co-chairs the Scholarship Committee. Dr. Kaplan noted that since the program began in 2004, The Lighthouse has passed out nearly 400 awards for a total amount of more than \$800,000.

Dr. Kaplan expressed special thanks to Marv Lader, his committee co-chair and fellow Lighthouse Board member who along with his wife, Carol, initiated a challenge grant to bring in additional funding for the scholarship program.

Also highlighting the event were moving presentations from two very special speakers, Jillian Wuorenma and Dawn Hale. Jillian is a previous four-time scholarship recipient who studied in Russia. Dawn is a contract specialist in the organization's Contract Management Services program. Her daughter, Madison, is a graduate of our Preschool for All Program.

Third Annual Lighthouse/Mike Ditka Golf Outing Scores a Hole in One!



Nearly 90 golfers came out August 31st to support Chicago Lighthouse North at the agency's Third Annual Mike Ditka Charity Golf Tournament.

The event, which grossed over \$70,000 for Lighthouse North, took place at the

prestigious North Shore Country Club.

Highlights included the participation of former Chicago Blackhawk stars and a stirring rendition of the national anthem prior to the shot-gun start by legendary singer Wayne Messmer.

Lighthouse President, Dr. Janet Szlyk, extended her appreciation to all the participants including Board member Sandy Forsythe, who headed the tournament's golf committee.

Chicago Lighthouse's Annual FLAIR Event Honors Local Humanitarian Jamie Hague



Citing her outstanding contributions to both The Chicago Lighthouse and the world of fashion, local humanitarian Jamie Hague received The Lighthouse's Second Annual FLAIR Award on November 12th.

The award was presented during the agency's FLAIR luncheon and fashion show at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. The event, which was emceed by ABC 7

news anchor Kathy Brock, attracted more than 100 guests.

Highlights also included fall fashions provided by Ann Everett Fashion Designs, Anne Fontaine, Frances Hefernan, Karolina Zmarlak, Leggiadro, Wolford, and York Furrier. Among the models were women who are blind or visually impaired.

In addition, several children with disabilities who are enrolled in The Lighthouse's preschool also modeled clothing, courtesy of the Red Balloon.

The FLAIR event raised more than \$45,000 for Lighthouse children's programs.

Art & Vision Celebrated at The Chicago Lighthouse North



Guests at The Chicago Lighthouse North facility in Glenview on October 11th were treated to a display of artwork from around the world; a lecture on the impact eye disease has had on many of the great artists through history; and first hand testimonies how Lighthouse programs make life changing differences in the people they serve.

The special occasion was "Art & Vision." Serving as keynote speaker was nationally respected ophthalmologist Dr. James G. Ravin, who has a passion for nineteenth-century European painting. Dr. Ravin spoke about the role of vision and eye disease in art as drawn from his recent book, "The Artist's Eyes, Vision and the History of Art."

AnnaStella Grana, the mother of four young children, including Luca, who is visually impaired, gave a heartfelt presentation on how The Lighthouse helped her son cope with his disability and gave renewed hope to the family.

Lighthouse Board member Larry Broutman, author of "Chicago Unleashed," and Rachel Dewoskin, author of "Blind," signed copies of their books.

29th Annual House and Garden Walk Benefits Lighthouse Programs



Some of the North Shore's most elegant homes were displayed September 9th at The Chicago Lighthouse Associate Board's House and Garden Walk.

The Associate Board is a group of women from Chicago and the North Shore who have joined together to raise awareness about the services offered at The Chicago Lighthouse. Since 1986, the Associate Board has raised over \$1.4 million for children, seniors and family support services. Executive committee member, Julie Kraff, is shown in the photograph.

Sweets for Sight a Big Success



The Chicago Lighthouse's Junior Board hosted their signature event, Sweets for Sight, on February 5th, 2015 at DeLux Bar & Grill. Over 250 guests attended.

Gen Furla, owner of DeLux Bar & Grill and long-time Junior Board member, hosted the event, and Junior Board member Will Howard, Jr. DJ'ed from the Entertainment Table, sponsored by Sessa Paving Construction.

Junior Board co-chairs Megan Goldish and Holly Brown were thrilled with the capacity crowd and the final amount raised by the event - almost \$19,000. These funds will be used to support for Lighthouse children's programs.

67,000+

individuals were provided services by The Lighthouse. Nearly 2/3 of them live twice below the Federal Poverty Line.

5,376

patients were seen in the Low Vision Clinic, satellite clinics, and Pangere Center.

160

infants and toddlers who are blind or visually impaired received critical, full Early Intervention Services through The Lighthouse's Birth-to-Three Program.

\$82,500

in scholarships were awarded to 41 exemplary students with visual impairments, some who are multi-disabled.

2,600

people have been shown ways to better cope with vision loss with help from our Assistive Technology experts.



PROFILE: JUDY AND RAY McCASKEY

“Those to whom much is given, much is expected!”

That maxim is a guiding principle in the lives of Ray and Judy McCaskey, two of The Chicago Lighthouse’s staunchest supporters.

An accomplished business leader, Ray served as Chief Executive Officer of Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC). Judy is a career educator who has taught first graders for 40 years and continues to volunteer at three inner city schools. In addition to their considerable professional achievements, the couple is passionate about community service and has been involved in numerous charitable and civic activities.

Their generosity helped launch The Lighthouse’s state-of-the-art playground in 2014. The school is especially designed for children with disabilities. The McCaskeys have also been strong backers of the agency’s blended preschool, which brings together youngsters who are both sighted and visually impaired. In their honor, the program will be named after them.

“We were attracted to The Lighthouse because of its mission to serve the underserved and for making a critical difference in the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired,” says Judy, who has served on the agency’s board since 2004.

“You can sense the optimism and positive attitude every time you walk in the building,” Ray smiles.

“The biggest satisfaction you can get is knowing that in some small way, you may be helping to make a difference in someone else’s life,” they maintain.

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The Lighthouse Board of Directors met on September 30th and voted to split Lighthouse Industries (products, clocks, manufacturing, planners, service contracts) into a separate non-profit to be known as *Chicago Lighthouse Industries* that will manage all of the AbilityOne contracts.

“This is a natural evolution for our organization that allows us to broaden our historic mission,” noted Lighthouse President & CEO Dr. Janet Szlyk. “In 2014, we expanded our mission statement to include providing employment opportunities for people who have other disabilities and Veterans.”

She added that the split will allow for Chicago Lighthouse Industries to meet the National Industries for the Blind (NIB) requirements that 75% of employees must be legally blind. On the other hand, The Chicago Lighthouse will be a more integrated environment that offers opportunities to people who are visually impaired, blind, have other disabilities, or are Veterans. The Chicago Lighthouse will encompass our rehabilitation, education, and employment programs, as well as our customer service enterprise.

The AbilityOne Commission, which oversees our federal contracts for Lighthouse Industries, voted unanimously in favor of the action, and praised us for addressing the employment needs of people with disabilities and Veterans. Dr. Szlyk emphasized that despite the split, we are still “one family—one community of care!”

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2014 - 2015 Financial Summary and Comparison

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as of June 30

ASSETS				
	2014		2015	
Cash	\$	404,424	\$	466,656
Receivables, Net		6,326,129		5,717,940
Inventories		989,919		870,921
Investments		15,973,737		15,278,687
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts		582,422		549,057
Prepaid Expenses		195,778		208,796
Land, Building and Equipment, Net		9,829,492		10,305,791
Total Assets	\$	34,301,901	\$	33,397,848
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Liabilities	\$	7,105,369	\$	7,345,333
Net Assets				
Unrestricted		7,830,018		8,322,932
Unrestricted, Board Designated		13,454,389		10,500,170
Temporarily Restricted		3,888,566		5,237,225
Permanently Restricted		2,023,559		1,992,188
Subtotal Net Assets	\$	27,196,532	\$	26,052,515
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	34,301,901	\$	33,397,848

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Period ended June 30

REVENUES				
	2014		2015	
Contributions & Bequests	\$	5,021,146	\$	4,877,755
Lighthouse Industries Sales		4,114,878		4,174,245
Call Centers/Service Contracts		14,633,471		18,284,894
Program Revenues		6,821,765		6,523,507
Investment Income		386,595		344,967
Miscellaneous		155,572		149,459
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements		41,062		(44,954)
Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments		718,299		924,502
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation of Long Term Investments		884,698		(751,475)
Total Revenues	\$	32,777,486	\$	34,482,900
EXPENSES				
Program Services	\$	26,773,171	\$	30,440,990
Management & General		3,209,622		3,941,840
Fundraising		849,251		984,911
Public Relations		221,822		259,176
Total Expenses	\$	31,053,866	\$	35,626,917
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS				
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$	25,472,912	\$	27,196,532
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	27,196,532	\$	26,052,515

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