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At The Chicago Lighthouse, we believe in ability; that limitations are overcome through strength, resilience and support. We offer programs that nurture growth and create opportunities for people to thrive on their own terms. **This is the spirit of Lighting Up Human Potential: a belief that possibility exists in everyone, and our role is simply to encourage it to shine.**



DEAR FRIENDS,

As The Chicago Lighthouse celebrates its 120th anniversary, we honor a legacy built on a simple but powerful belief: when we light up human potential, individuals and communities thrive. What began in 1906 as a small group of women offering food, clothing, and compassion to people who were blind has grown into an internationally recognized leader in low-vision care, disability employment, and Veterans' services. Over the decades, while our mission has evolved, our commitment to empowering people of all ages and abilities has never wavered.

This year's impact report reflects how The Lighthouse has stood as a beacon of progress, not only for the communities we serve, but for the City of Chicago and the entire Chicagoland area. For 120 years, we have challenged assumptions about disability and expanded the boundaries of what inclusion can look like. Our history is filled with moments when bold ideas reshaped expectations and opened new pathways to independence, opportunity, and belonging.

Our impact is more than a timeline of programs or milestones; it is a testament to the resilience, creativity, and determination of the clients, employees, benefactors, and other constituents who come through our doors every day. Their stories demonstrate what happens when courage meets innovation: it creates a community that believes in the talent and potential of every individual and works tirelessly to nurture it.

As we look ahead, we will continue to build on this extraordinary foundation, to push ourselves to think big, aim high and achieve possibilities that once seemed out of reach. We will continue to be defined by the same courage, creativity and determination that brought us here, and by our steadfast commitment to open doors, remove barriers and shine a light toward brighter futures for generations to come.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet P. Szlyk'.

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POTENTIAL EMPLOYED

Keianna Parker (left, with Lighthouse Chief Strategy Officer Kathy Stoeberl, who leads the contact center enterprises, and UI Health Contact Center Supervisor Kendra White) has found opportunity for advancement within The Chicago Lighthouse's Social Business Enterprises. As a Team Lead in the UI Health Contact Center, Keianna's career is taking off.



POTENTIAL CELEBRATED

A year in photos—see how our community powers our mission. Your support fuels 40 programs that empower people who are blind, visually impaired, disabled and Veterans. Together, we are The Chicago Lighthouse—stronger as one.

VISION SERVICES

In 1955, The Chicago Lighthouse expanded its services to include specialized care for people with vision impairments and blindness, including comprehensive exams and tools such as magnifiers. **In 2025, the Forsythe Center delivered more than 7,000 appointments—including vision exams, counseling, mobility training, occupational therapy, and assistive technology—to over 3,100 patients.**

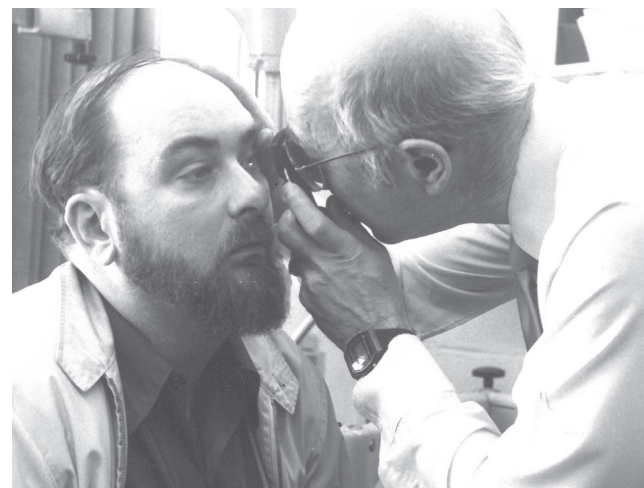
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THEN Nicholas K., a Ukrainian/Russian immigrant was having trouble reading. As a lifelong scholar, the 86-year-old (born in 1872) longed to continue his studies, but the store-bought magnifying glasses he owned were not doing the job.

In 1956, Nicholas found his way to The Lighthouse's new "Optical Aid Program," which was part of the organization's new Low Vision Clinic. Over several appointments, The Lighthouse's team of optometrists, including Dr. Alfred Rosenbloom, worked with Nicholas to evaluate his vision and find the best solution to restore his ability to read. Together, they found a pair of glasses fitted with microscopic lenses that did the trick.

"At our last appointment, Mr. K. was able to read Russian newsprint with a fair degree of

facility," Dr. Rosenbloom wrote in his file. "We feel the microscopic correction will prove very valuable to him, and he has been asked to advise us if further training is required."



The Lighthouse's low vision clinic was the first of its kind in the Midwest.

NOW Last year, Cameron did the extraordinary: he drove himself 130 miles to his annual optometry appointment. Diagnosed with Stargardt Disease at 15, Cameron had been told he would never qualify for a driver's license. "I thought I would be dependent on friends, family, or public transportation for the rest of my life," he says.

Everything changed when he came to The Chicago Lighthouse. During a routine appointment in a previous year, The Lighthouse's Chief of Clinical Services, Dr. Kara Crumbliss, tested Cameron on our driving simulator to determine whether he might qualify for a restricted license using assistive devices. After assessing his vision, reaction time, and real-world responses, they discovered he could safely drive with a bioptic telescope.

That breakthrough lit up a new path: a job at State Farm's national headquarters, which enabled him to purchase a car, which, in turn, empowered him to drive on his own to his next optometry appointment. "My entire life has changed," he says. **"I had so many optometrists in the past who told me there was no chance. The Chicago Lighthouse was the first that took the time to thoroughly explore every option to find a solution."**

1,130 HOURS OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING TO PEOPLE SEEKING DEVICES TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES.



I THOUGHT I WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

—CAMERON



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The Chicago Lighthouse launched its first employment initiative in the 1920s, making it our agency's oldest program. We contracted with local companies for manufacturing and assembly of switchboard parts, toys and microscopes. Since then, employment has been a core element of our mission. **In 2025, we provided 300 people with disabilities and Veterans with employment assistance, including job training and placement.**



HERE, I'M ABLE TO BE MYSELF. IF I CAN'T SEE SOMETHING, I CAN ASK A CO-WORKER OR MY BOSS. WE'RE LIKE ONE FAMILY.

—SHANEKA WADE-LEE



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THEN

As a blind man living in 1928, Robert had few prospects for meaningful employment, until he found The Chicago Lighthouse. Robert enrolled in our workplace education program where he and 34 other individuals assembled telephone connecting blocks for Western Electric Company. His salary was \$20 per week.

One day, Robert was taking the trolley home from work when he felt something heavy in his coat pocket. Someone had placed a half-dollar coin in there, thinking he needed charity.

Robert insisted the conductor find the donor and return the money. The conductor was mystified. "Why kick about getting free money?" he asked.

Robert's response was simple: **"I'm not a beggar. Chances are I am making more than the fellow who put that coin in my pocket."**



The Chicago Lighthouse was a pioneer in disability employment and workplace integration.

Adapted from "Lighthouse Trains Hands of Blind Men," Chicago Tribune, November 11, 1928.

NOW

Before joining Chicago Lighthouse Industries as an assembly packaging operator, Shaneka Wade-Lee spent 20 years with a very different crowd: busy, giggly two-year-olds at a daycare center.

Shaneka's career took an unexpected turn when brain surgery left her with significant vision loss. Encouraged by her mother, Shaneka connected with The Chicago Lighthouse's Employment Services Program to find a new path. She found a position within Chicago Lighthouse Industries, assembling clocks for government, commercial, and consumer

markets, alongside colleagues who also have visual impairments.

"It's definitely different from working with children, but it's calming and it's something I can do," Shaneka says. "Here, I'm able to be myself. If I can't see something, I can ask a co-worker or my boss. We're like one family."

1,500 HOURS OF VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

▶ [SEE HOW THE LIGHTHOUSE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TODAY.](#)

EDUCATION

As advancements in medical technology increased the survival rates for premature babies, so too did the incidence of medical complications, including blindness, for these children. The Chicago Lighthouse in the late 1960s launched educational programs to provide opportunities for children and young adults with vision impairments. **In 2025, The Chicago Lighthouse provided individualized educational services to more than 250 children and youth with disabilities.**



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THERE IS A LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION THAT HAPPENS THROUGH MUSIC THAT HAS OPENED UP HER WORLD.
”
—NATALIA’S FATHER, VINNY

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THEN At five years old, Jimmy’s eyesight was failing. He had already lost vision in one eye and was about to have the other eye surgically removed. Like many children in 1970, educational resources to fit his needs were scarce, until The Chicago Lighthouse began the Eleanor Palmer Development Center for Blind Children.

The program was designed to help kids with multiple disabilities learn important skills, including feeding themselves and connecting with others.

The family-centric program also offered training to caregivers about how to raise a child who is blind, such as speaking when they enter a room to let the child know they are there.

For Jimmy and his foster mother, it was just what they needed. “Now he can sit and eat by himself,” she said at that time. “He’s not afraid of people anymore, and he can tell me where it hurts by pointing.”



The Lighthouse’s educational programs put students on a path toward independence.

Adapted from “Beacon of Hope for the Blind Child,” published in The Chicago Tribune, July 5, 1970.

NOW Natalia has been part of The Chicago Lighthouse family all her life. Born a micro-preemie, she developed multiple disabilities, including blindness, during her first weeks of life. In our Birth-to-Three Early Intervention program, Natalia learned how to interpret the world without the benefit of sight, and her family learned how to support her.

Now, as a student in The Lighthouse’s therapeutic day school, Natalia is receiving one-on-one, individualized support from dedicated teachers, paraprofessionals and therapists to help her both navigate in and connect with the wider world.

For Natalia, much of that instruction is filtered through the young girl’s love of music. For instance, when she began training with a white cane, her teachers attached a toy microphone to the cane’s handle to encourage the young girl to grasp it.

“There is a level of communication that happens through music that has opened up her world,” says her father, Vinny.

4K HOURS OF IN-HOME INSTRUCTION FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS IN OUR BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM.”

▶ [SEE HOW OUR PHOTOGRAPHY FOR ALL PROGRAM GIVES YOUTH WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE VISUAL ARTS.](#)

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Throughout our 120-year history, our north star has been to provide programs and services that help individuals who are blind, visually impaired, disabled and Veterans live inclusively within our broader community and thrive on their own terms. **In 2025, The Foglia Residences at The Chicago Lighthouse offered safe, affordable, accessible housing to 56 people with disabilities.**



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THEN John R. loved his life. He had a happy home and a job he took pride in as a factory supervisor. But when he suddenly lost his vision in 1950, everything shifted. Depression settled in, and he spent his days sitting silently at home, relying on his family for even the smallest tasks.

That all changed when a friend encouraged him to attend a social event at The Chicago Lighthouse. There, John met people who understood his fears but weren't defined by them. For the first time in months, he saw possibility instead of loss.

John soon enrolled in Lighthouse programs that helped people who are blind build independence. He learned to navigate public transportation, read and write Braille, and rely on his remaining senses. Work on the

Lighthouse's assembly lines helped him regain skills, and eventually, his former employer welcomed him back.

"You can't imagine what a difference The Lighthouse has made to all of us," John's son shared.



The Lighthouse's early independent living programs helped individuals feel confident in their independence.

Adapted from "Lighthouse Helps Blind to Help Themselves," Chicago Tribune, August 20, 1951.

NOW Olivia had her first taste of independence while studying environmental science at North Central College. She lived in the dorms all four years and even spent a summer on her own at an internship in Milwaukee. After graduating, she returned home, but being legally blind made suburban transportation a major barrier. "I could only use Uber to get to my part time job, and I was spending as much on transportation as I was making," she says.

That changed when she moved into The Foglia Residences. With reliable public transit and a walkable neighborhood, she regained the mobility she'd had in college. She now walks

to Little Italy, shops at the Jewel half a block away, rock climbs with an adaptive group, and volunteers at Garfield Park Conservatory.

The Foglia Residences have become the bridge she needed between college and adulthood—supportive, accessible, and community-oriented. "I wish a lot of other people could have this opportunity, especially those with disabilities who might need a little more time to find a job or make other progress on their journey," she says.

1.5K HOURS OF ENRICHMENT AND SOCIAL PROGRAMMING IN OUR ADULT LIVING SKILLS PROGRAM.

▶ [READ THE NEW YORK TIMES FEATURE ON THE FOGLIA RESIDENCES.](#)

SOCIAL BUSINESS

The Lighthouse operates several social business enterprises that support our social service programs, while also providing employment opportunities and experiences for our clients. **In 2025, The Chicago Lighthouse's Social Business Enterprises, including our Lighthouse Industries subsidiary and contact centers, generated \$48 million in revenue to support our social service programs.**

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THEN As a boy, Joe H. watched his best friend lose his sight after an accident. With almost no support available, his friend slipped into depression.

That memory resurfaced in 1949 when Joe became the owner of Skil Craft Corp., maker of the popular "Handy Andy" tool sets. He knew people who were blind could assemble the kits with the same skill and precision as anyone else. Joe approached The Chicago Lighthouse with a simple but powerful idea: Skil Craft would provide the work if The Lighthouse could train the workers.

The partnership flourished. Employees earned the same wages as factory workers across the city—about \$2 an hour—and Skil Craft gained a workforce known for its dedication, creativity, and craftsmanship.

"I would stack them up against the best group of sighted people, [and] our people would do their jobs better—and get them done faster," Joe said.



In the 1950s, The Lighthouse's social business enterprises included assembling toys for children.

Adapted from "Employer of Blind Finds they Excel," *The Daily Item* (Sunbury, PA.), August 29, 1955

NOW Keianna Parker's employment journey is familiar to many people with disabilities. Despite a college degree, internships, and solid work experience, she struggled to land her first job. "I looked for work and went on interviews, but for some reason it didn't work out. Every time," she recalls.

When a position opened within The Chicago Lighthouse's social enterprise for UI Health, she saw more than a job, she saw opportunity. Although the system wasn't yet fully accessible for employees who were blind, Lighthouse Chief Strategy Officer Kathy Stoeberl and the UI Health team were committed to making it work, opening the doors to more meaningful responsibilities.

The breakthrough came in 2021, when The Lighthouse, UI Health, and medical software company Epic launched a fully accessible scheduling platform. Keianna and her colleagues who are blind could now expand their roles beyond simply answering calls. They could schedule appointments, verify insurance and refer patients.

Today, as a Team Lead, she feels her career is finally taking off. "It makes me happy to know The Lighthouse kept its word. I love knowing that we're not just selling dreams to people," she says.

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The Gerald A. and Karen A. Kolschowsky Foundation's connection to The Chicago Lighthouse spans three generations and began with a personal connection. "My grandfather had some vision issues in the late 1970s—that may have been our first exposure to the organization," says Tim Kolschowsky, now the Foundation's President.

Since then, the Foundation's support of The Lighthouse has been steady. **Its contributions have funded general operations, The Kane Legal Clinic, and most recently a five year, \$150,000 pledge to strengthen our Orientation & Mobility program,** which teaches individuals who are blind or visually impaired to travel independently with a white cane.

That commitment came after a visit by Tim and his daughter Sarah, where they witnessed The Lighthouse's work firsthand. After the visit, the Foundation asked Lighthouse leadership to identify a program needing a boost.

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Dr. Andrew Barrer joins Dr. Kara Crumbliss and school principal Jordan Owens in front of the newly established Family Resource Center, which he helped fund. The center offers a welcoming space where families of children with disabilities can connect, share experiences, and build community.



Halloween is a favorite time of the year for both students and paraprofessionals of The Lighthouse's therapeutic day school.

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Daniel Silver presents a certificate to a participant in The Lighthouse's Adult Living Skills (ALS) Program. ALS provides individuals who are blind or visually impaired who also have intellectual or developmental disabilities with life-skills training, community field trips and social activities.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember special friends who we've recently lost or who were remembered with a gift in their memory. We are grateful for their commitment to our important mission during their lifetimes. Their kindness will be remembered through our good works today and for years to come.

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IN MEMORIAM - FRANK CHANEN, 1933-2025

Frank Chanen, Board Chair of The Lighthouse from 1993-1996, was a tireless advocate for The Chicago Lighthouse and the blind and visually impaired community.

Diagnosed in college with retinitis pigmentosa, Frank gradually lost his vision but never his drive. He earned a B.A. in journalism from Northwestern University in 1954, passed the CPA exam, and went on to earn his J.D. in 1957. He enjoyed a successful 35-year law career in Chicago before retiring in 1993.

Known for his humility, Frank never viewed blindness as a barrier to a full life, nor did he ever boast about his prominent clients. After his Board Chair tenure, he and his close friend Dr. Joel Kaplan led the 2005 "Bold Vision" campaign, which funded a 12,000 square foot expansion that now houses our administrative offices, low vision clinic, and Tools for Living™ store—an achievement he considered one of his proudest.

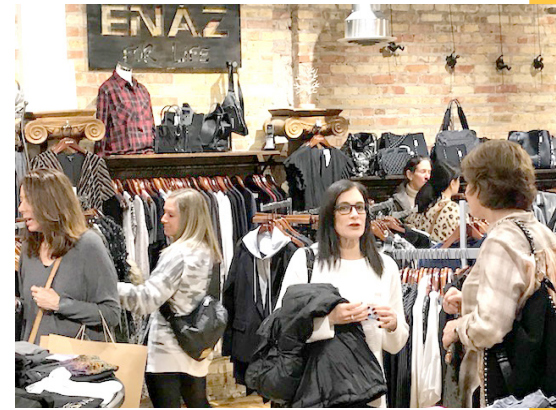
We honored Frank with the Beacon of Light Award at our 2014 gala. "It is enormously satisfying to be associated with an organization as extraordinary as The Chicago Lighthouse," he once said, expressing confidence in our future and our ability to meet the growing needs of those experiencing vision loss.



[Read a feature of Frank Chanen from our 2013 Annual Report](#)

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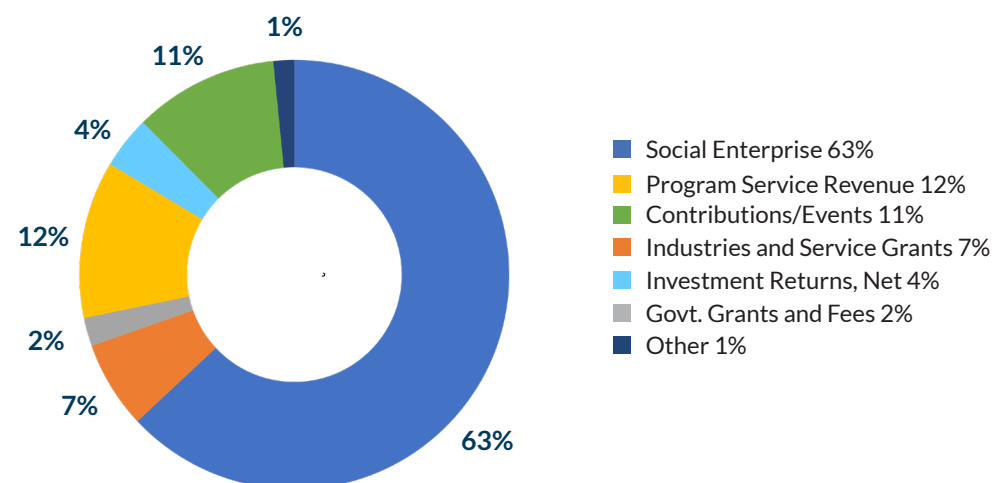
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2024 - 2025 Consolidated Financial Summary and Comparison
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as of June 30

ASSETS		
	2024	2025
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,099,197	\$ 3,586,636
Receivables, Net	11,571,639	11,208,636
Inventories	685,923	688,967
Investments	25,123,074	30,414,455
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	649,549	693,294
Prepaid Expenses	628,227	487,034
Fixed Assets, Net	7,980,203	7,686,262
Total Assets	\$ 48,737,812	\$ 54,765,284

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	\$ 8,923,538	\$ 7,376,282
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	27,731,246	36,089,339
With Donor Restrictions	12,083,028	11,299,663
Subtotal Net Assets	\$ 39,814,274	\$ 47,389,002
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 48,737,812	\$ 54,765,284

REVENUE SOURCES



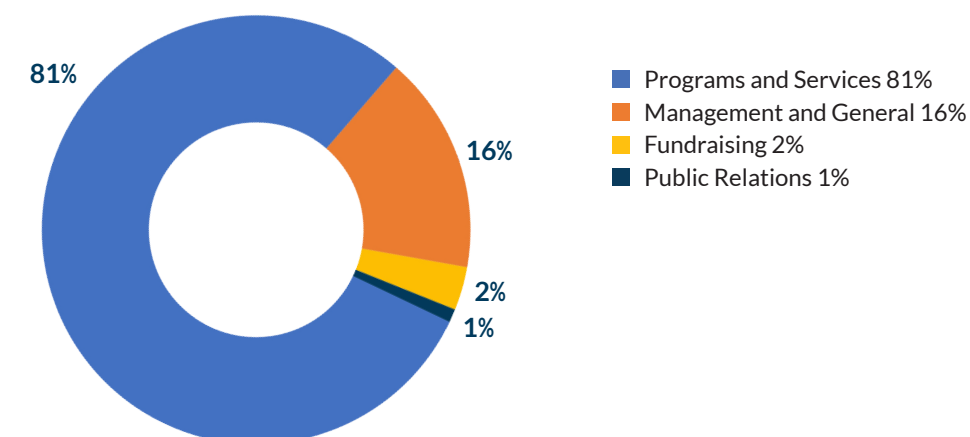
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
Period ended June 30

REVENUES		
	2024	2025
Contributions and Bequests	\$ 7,346,604	\$ 7,377,114
Lighthouse Industries Sales	4,791,730	4,462,160
Call Center Contracts	30,376,304	42,746,054
Program Revenue	7,950,447	9,492,293
Investment Returns, Net	2,598,361	2,631,204
Miscellaneous	812,988	1,065,072
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	45,670	43,745
Total Revenue	\$ 53,922,104	\$ 67,817,642

EXPENSES		
Program Services	\$ 40,454,758	\$ 48,651,825
Management and General	8,401,444	9,521,621
Fundraising	1,670,119	1,550,195
Public Relations	508,292	519,273
Total Expenses	\$ 51,034,613	\$ 60,242,914

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 36,926,783	\$ 39,814,274
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 39,814,274	\$ 47,389,002

EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION



THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Our community of partners, board leaders, donors, volunteers, staff and clients is what powers our mission. Your engagement and support fuels our 40 vital programs and empowers people who are blind, visually impaired, disabled and Veterans through employment, education and rehabilitation. **Together, we are The Chicago Lighthouse, a place of strong community!**



The Chicago Lighthouse recognized the Raske family with the Beacon of Light Award at our **Gala Benefit Concert**, for their support of our programs and services. John Raske has served on The Lighthouse's Board of Trustees for over 10 years.



Chicago Lighthouse employee Tim Paul was the subject of the documentary feature **"I'm Only Blind."** The film won the Audience Choice Award for Best Documentary at the 25th Annual International Beverly Hills Film Festival. [\(See Tim talk about his experience making the film.\)](#)

Despite a downpour, gale-force winds and near-freezing temps, our community turned out in force to support our **4th annual Rise to Shine Run & Walk**.



Marv Lader congratulates one of the 21 students who received a **Lader Family Scholarship** last year. Since 2004, The Lighthouse's scholarship program has awarded more than \$1 million to 800 students who are blind or visually impaired.



Chicago Lighthouse Media Associate Producer Sandy Murillo basks in the applause of the crowd at our **FLAIR fashion show**. The annual fall fundraiser features models both with and without disabilities in stylish and glamorous couture.



Guests enjoyed confections, cookies and cupcakes at **Sips & Sweets for Sight** at Carnivale. The event, hosted by The Lighthouse's Junior Board, raises funds for our Children's and Youth Programs.



Chicago Lighthouse employees (including Yolanda Wiley and Kenneth Okeke from Human Resources) enjoyed an evening of camaraderie and food at the annual **Lighthousepalooza employee engagement event**.



Chicago Lighthouse Chief Financial Officer Tony Fiore celebrates a winning hand at the **Raising the Stakes for Vision Poker & Casino Night**.



Supporters of our Associate Board gathered for some friendly competition and fundraising for The Chicago Lighthouse's programs and services at our annual **Games Galore** event.

Be part of the fun! See our **UPCOMING EVENTS** at chicagolighthouse.org/events.

OUR MISSION

The Chicago Lighthouse serves people who are blind, visually impaired, disabled and Veterans, in order for each to reach their full personal potential. Our programs build enduring success for our target populations and employees with lifelong knowledge, skills, and employment opportunities, support the discovery of new approaches for the empowerment of our communities, and sustain a social business enterprise that ensures success for our strategic ambitions.



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