



Lighthouse Promise, Inc. 2025 Annual Report

About Lighthouse Promise, Inc.

Lighthouse Promise, Inc. (DBA Lighthouse Academy at Newburg, Lighthouse Community Center, and Lighthouse Athletic Center) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe, inclusive, and high-quality out-of-school time opportunities for children, youth, and families in our community. All Lighthouse programs are offered **free of charge**, ensuring equitable access regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, ability, or religious preference.

Letter to Our Friends

Dear Friends and Partners,

In 2025, Lighthouse Promise, Inc. continued to grow and serve amid rising costs, expanded transportation needs, and increasing demand for our programs. Thanks to your generosity and partnership, Lighthouse remained a place where students feel safe, supported, and inspired to learn—every single day.

Your investment allows us to provide high-quality, research-informed programming delivered by trained, caring staff, while also offering transportation to reduce barriers for families. Our work is driven by outcomes and data, but our greatest motivation remains the success and well-being of the children and families we serve.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Board of Directors, our dedicated staff, our volunteers, and **you—our valued supporters**—for making this impact possible. We offer special appreciation to our Board Chair, Rhonda Cheek, for her exceptional leadership throughout 2025 and her continued commitment to Lighthouse in 2026.

As you review this report, you will see how Lighthouse continues to deliver on its promise to the community—supporting students academically, emotionally, and socially through a comprehensive Out-of-School Time program grounded in best practices and strong partnerships.

Thank you for believing in Lighthouse and the children we serve. We look forward to continuing this important work together in 2026.

With gratitude,

Nancy Parker

President, Lighthouse Promise, Inc.

Mission & Vision

Mission

To provide youth in our community with a safe place to learn and grow through educational, social-emotional, and economic programs.

Vision

To foster a lifelong love of learning by providing meaningful, enriching experiences that support the whole child.

Program Highlights (2025)

Removing Barriers to Access

In response to the ongoing JCPS bus shortage, Lighthouse continues to operate two large passenger vehicles purchased in 2023. These vehicles remain critical in ensuring safe and reliable transportation for students, removing a significant barrier to participation for many families.

Comprehensive Youth Programming

Throughout 2025, Lighthouse offered a wide range of academic, social-emotional learning (SEL), and youth development programs supported by strong community partnerships. Programming included:

- Literacy and academic support
- STEM education
- College and career readiness
- Peacebuilding and violence prevention
- Social-emotional learning (SEL)
- Junior Achievement, 4-H, and financial literacy
- Arts, music, karate, and sports
- HALO and Boys 2 Men programs
- GED and ESL programming

All programs were provided at **no cost** to participating students and families.





Summer Learning: *Flying High!*

During the summer, Lighthouse hosted a free themed summer program, *Flying High!*, focused on careers in aviation. The program met students' academic and social-emotional needs while promoting family engagement, cultural understanding, community unity, and violence prevention.



Community Partnerships & Accountability

Lighthouse partners with Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), Metro United Way, Metro Louisville, and the Office of Violence Prevention to deliver high-quality programming. We are a commissioned Youth Service Network organization and are listed in the Louisville Linked/211 system, improving access for families seeking support services.

We are proud partners with FACE It, an initiative working to end child abuse in Louisville, and we actively participate in United Community, the 3rd Grade Reading Pledge, and multiple youth-serving coalitions. Lighthouse was among the first organizations designated as a **No Hit Zone**, reinforcing our commitment to trauma-informed care.

Lighthouse meets all **20/20 Better Business Bureau Charity Accountability Standards** and remains committed to transparency, excellence, and ethical stewardship.

Community Impact Snapshot

Health & Back-to-School Fair

On August 2, 2025, Lighthouse hosted its annual Health and Back-to-School Fair, serving **1,235 individuals**. The event included:

- 970 backpacks distributed
- Over 60 physicals and dental screenings
- 38 vaccinations provided by Walgreens
- Vision screenings through Lions Eye
- 700 lunches served
- Support from more than 60 volunteers

We are deeply grateful to the churches and businesses that helped make this event possible.

Program Impact & Outcomes

Academic Outcomes

- **96%** of upper elementary and middle school students earned a C or better across core subjects
- **80%** earned A's or B's in Science and Social Studies
- Early elementary students showed **95%** satisfactory or outstanding performance across academic areas

Student Engagement

- 90% report learning new things and improving in school
- High engagement in enrichment activities such as music (85%), art (75%), and sports (75%)

Social-Emotional Growth (SRYB)

Students demonstrated growth across all four SEL domains: - Expressing Emotional Knowledge: **+13%** - Managing Emotions: **+12%** - Social Role Mastery: **+12%** - Goal-Striving Mastery: **+10%**

Notably, **none of our students were suspended** during the year.

Voices from Our Community

“Lighthouse taught me that if I set my mind to something, I could get there. I never imagined I'd be preparing for college—but here I am.”

Parents shared that their children showed improved confidence, academic performance, and a stronger sense of belonging. **95% of parents** reported being extremely satisfied with Lighthouse programming.

Lighthouse Athletic Center

The Lighthouse Athletic Center serves as a hub for leagues, skills camps, open gym, and community events. Our programs emphasize discipline, teamwork, and positive behavior within a safe and caring environment.

Financial Overview

Lighthouse remains committed to responsible financial stewardship and transparency. Below is a summary framework for our financial information, including actual results for 2025 and budgeted projections for 2026. Detailed financial statements are available upon request.

Operating Budget Summary

	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Revenues and Other Support (a)	584,505	645,000
Expenses		
Program	489,046	539,000
Administrative	76,338	84,000
Fund Raising Cost	8,274	9,700
Total Expenses	573,658	632,700
Net Income	10,854	12,300

(a) Includes estimated value of donated services and goods

Estimated Value of Donations In Kind (2026)

Category	Estimated Value
Professional Services	\$ 10,000
Food	25,000
Program Costs	17,500
Educational Programs	10,000
Total Donations In Kind	\$ 62,500

Total Lighthouse Assets (As of 12/31/2025)

Category	Amount
Total Assets	2,537,895 (a)
Total Liabilities	21,979
Net Assets	2,515,916
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	2,537,895

Note: Lighthouse's 18,600 sq. ft. facility is fully paid for and operating at full capacity.

Board of Directors (2026)

Chair: Rhonda Cheek

Vice Chair: Robin Chacko

President: Nancy Parker

Treasurer: Jack Swann

Secretary: Mabel Scherzer

(Full board listing available upon request)

How You Can Help

Every penny matters. Your support helps Lighthouse continue providing free, high-quality programs for children and families. Thank you for being part of the Lighthouse community.

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Nondiscrimination Policy

Lighthouse maintains a policy of nondiscrimination and provides access to its programs and services on an equal basis. Participation is open without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law, subject to reasonable program-related eligibility requirements and capacity limitations. All Lighthouse programs and services are offered without charge to participants.