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A WORD FROM OUR STAFF



What a year it has been! We cannot thank everyone enough for your commitment to the children we serve in South Florida! With your continued support in 2025 will bring even more warm smiles to those in need. Please enjoy our magazine!

THANK YOU,
The Little Lighthouse Staff

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The Little Lighthouse Foundation ("LLF") is a registered 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization that assists underserved children and their families. This support comes through the deployment of LLF's volunteers. Volunteers work with children in an array of different facilities and environments ranging but not limited to, orphanages, homeless shelters, hospitals and youth centers.

This support is derived from recruiting and educating passionate, caring, socially conscious South Floridians, and then deploying them throughout LLF on programming and beneficiary charities.

In addition, LLF raises money to provide direct support to children and their families within its mission through a new paradigm of fundraising and awareness.

LLF financially supports its own programming and numerous partner organizations throughout South Florida, along with dispatching hundreds of volunteers who donate their time and hearts.



Impact for 2024



25,000+

Number of children's
lives impacted

20

Programs

2,000

Registered
volunteers



250

Corporate partners

*Above are accumulative numbers based on all specialty programs and recurring programs throughout the year.



60+ Partner Facilities





Current Programs





LLF Program Schedule



Move & Groove

LLF's Move and Groove consists of a dance class format and provides a space for self expression for children of all ages while encouraging a healthy lifestyle. Volunteers assist in the dance classes and ensure the children learn the routines and have a great time! Previous dance experience is not required to participate. LLF's Move & Groove program is currently at Brownsville Middle School, The Motivational Edge, and Girl Power Rocks.



Adopt-a-Meal

Volunteers come together to distribute a fresh, healthy meal for the children and families of Ronald Mcdonald House Charities South Florida, which provides affordable or free housing for families whose children are receiving care at nearby hospitals. This is a good volunteer opportunity for corporate or student volunteering as well.



Fit Club

LLF's Fit Club program is a fitness program for the youth of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami. LLF provides different styles of exercise, from low to high intensity, with the help of generous trainers and fitness experts that donate their time. Volunteers participate alongside children, providing encouragement and support along the way to complete the workout. This program is perfect for volunteers with a passion for health and wellness.



Story Hour

LLF's Story Hour takes place in Chapman Partnership's Family Resource Center. Volunteers work with children to entertain and educate them with group readings activities. Volunteers will spend the first portion of the hour-long program reading to the children and encouraging children to read aloud to the group. Reading is followed by an arts & crafts project that varies each week. Children keep the craft projects they create and volunteers are encouraged to create their own projects as well.



Mindful Hour

LLF's Mindful Hour welcomes the children from Touching Miami With Love to find a moment of peace and reorient themselves while learning practical de-stressing techniques. Volunteers participate alongside the youth and help them remain engaged and focused on the activity at hand.



Hearts & Stars Workshop

The Hearts & Stars Workshops is a forward-thinking initiative that provides children with a hands-on creative experiences and mentorship, fostering self-expression, confidence, and skill development. Hosted at Big Brothers Big Sisters, this program serves as a creative lab where children engage in activities like visual arts, design, and storytelling while being guided by mentors and industry professionals. As a key part of LLF's mission, it represents the future of our impact—empowering and inspiring underserved youth through creativity, leadership, and meaningful connections.



LLF Program Schedule



Student Volunteering: STEM Discoveries

Each STEM Discoveries program conducted at The Motivational Edge teaches new vital lessons in critical thinking skills and computer science principles. With help from Code Ninjas Aventura and the Miami Beach Senior High Science Honor Society, we are able to provide the youth with incredible technologies to aid in expanding their interest in scientific fields. From pattern recognition to conditional processing to robotics to JavaScript code, STEM Discoveries hopes to ensure that all students have access to sufficient science resources.

Student Volunteering: Designer's Studio

Designers Studio is an educational program held at Branches of Florida City with support from the Creative Arts Club at Miami Dade College. This program introduces children to architecture and graphic design fundamentals through interactive, hands-on projects. By encouraging creativity and critical thinking, participants not only gain practical skills but also develop confidence and a sense of accomplishment as they bring their ideas to life. The program is designed to inspire innovation and provide a strong foundation for future educational and career opportunities in the creative arts.



Activity Hour

LLF's Activity Hour is a hands-on activity experience for volunteers and patients and is hosted at Nicklaus Children's Hospital and past facilities including Holtz Children's Hospital and Jackson Pediatric. Volunteers provide patients with fun activities, games, arts & crafts, entertainment, and more for the patients and their families. Safety is always taken into precaution as the program aims to create a unique experience both for volunteers and the youth. The patient's parents and siblings are also encouraged to participate and take part in the fun!



Craft Night

Volunteers join the children of Lotus House in their incredible craft room for a variety of activities including, arts & crafts, sing-a-longs, group games, and more. Activities vary each week and LLF also brings seasonal special activities whenever possible! This program is perfect for individuals, children, or even groups!



LLF x GEM

LLF invites you to volunteer with us as we partner with Global Empowerment Mission ("GEM") to assemble #BStrong Family Necessities Kits which will be distributed as part of GEM's disaster relief initiatives.



Just for Kicks

LLF's Just for kicks brings the sport of soccer to the children at The Motivational Edge! Volunteers will play alongside the children, assisting them with drills and plays as well as scrimmages. Previous experience with soccer is not required! Youth from elementary to high school age will participate and learn from the best.



THE LITTLE LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION'S
HEARTS AND STARS
PODCAST

Hearts and Stars Podcast dynamic extension of the gala, offering deeper insights into the lives of our supporters and beneficiaries. This platform connects the community, shares stories, and encourages ongoing engagement.



THE LITTLE LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION'S
HEARTS AND STARS
WORKSHOP

The Hearts & Stars Workshops is a future-forward initiative designed to provide children with immersive, hands-on creative experiences and mentorship. Hosted at the Big Brothers Big Sisters facility, this program fosters artistic expression, skill development, and personal growth in an engaging and supportive environment. Participants explore various creative disciplines—including visual arts, design, storytelling, and digital media—while building confidence and critical thinking skills.

By connecting children with mentors and industry professionals, the workshops go beyond traditional learning to inspire leadership, resilience, and self-expression.

BACK *to* **SCHOOL**

Since 2018, LLF has been organizing its Back to School program to supply indispensable school resources to children at LLF's Partner Facilities. Through fundraising efforts, LLF strives to procure a substantial quantity of school supplies for children in various partner facilities, including schools, youth organizations, and shelters. The Back to School initiative has significantly impacted thousands of children associated with LLF's partner facilities.

The Perez Art Museum Miami has graciously served as the venue for our previous Back to School programs. Here in 2024, 450 dedicated volunteers distributed 2,500 backpacks and essential school materials to the 2,500 underserved children. In addition to the distribution, volunteers guide the children through the museum and facilitate engaging arts and craft activities. This holistic approach ensures a meaningful and enriching experience for the young participants.





CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Since 2015, LLF has been hosting its annual Children's Halloween Party, bringing together children from various LLF Partner Facilities for a day of Halloween festivities. Through the collaboration of dedicated volunteers and generous partners, LLF transforms the event into a safe and enjoyable space, replete with candy, games, activities, food, and more.

Miami Design District has served as the venue for our previous Children's Halloween Party. In 2024 we served over 1,000 underserved children and their families with the support of over 250 volunteers. This LLF initiative creates a safe and fun Halloween experience filled with craft tables, food, activities, music, and so much more.





LLF's Signature Program

LLF celebrated its first annual Thanksgiving feast by providing 65 meals, fun crafts, and expressions of gratitude. Ronald McDonald House Charities South Florida supports the health and well-being of children by providing lodging, meals, activities and a community of care to critically ill children and their families who need to be near a hospital for treatment.





HOLIDAY TOY DISTRIBUTION

Holiday Toy Distribution at GEM

During LLF's Holiday Toy Distribution at Global Empowerment Mission, we disbursed thousands of toys to LLF partner facilities both before and after the in-person event. This strategic approach ensures that partner facilities have the means to efficiently distribute toys.

LLF volunteers play a crucial role in this process by actively participating in sorting and organizing the boxes.

Additionally, during the partner facility visits for toy pick-ups, our volunteers assist in loading the vehicles, streamlining the distribution process and ensuring that the gifts reach their intended recipients. This collaborative effort helps spread joy and meet essential needs within the community.





HOLIDAY TOY DISTRIBUTION

LLF's Holiday Toy Distribution is a transformative event that leaves a lasting impact on thousands of children in the South Florida area, creating a winter wonderland experience for them. Upon arrival, LLF volunteers actively guide the children as they select their preferred toys, making the experience both enjoyable and personalized.

In 2024, the event witnessed the dedicated involvement of over 500 volunteers. This collaborative effort resulted in the distribution of over 30,000 toys in 3 days, bringing joy and warmth to over 15,000 underserved children and their families.



BIRTHDAY *of* SERVICE

LLF annually hosts its BirthDay of Service in April, bringing together volunteers and children from LLF partner facilities for a day dedicated to giving back to the community. Past BirthDay of Service events have featured a diverse range of activities aimed at fostering community engagement.

Previous celebrations have included activities such as sunrise yoga sessions and beach cleanups on South Beach, outdoor programs at The Motivational Edge, the creation of a garden in Little Haiti, and arts and crafts sessions at the Bass Museum. These varied initiatives not only contribute to community well-being but also provide meaningful experiences for both volunteers and the children from LLF partner facilities. The BirthDay of Service stands as a testament to LLF's commitment to making a positive impact through collaborative and purposeful actions.



Ladies



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Ladies of Little Lighthouse ("LOLL") is a purpose-driven group focusing on volunteering with LLF, and more importantly, introducing children to the world of volunteering for underserved children in our area. LOLL actively contributes to LLF's initiatives by organizing various craft tables at Specialty Programs and participating in recurring volunteer programs on a monthly basis.

In addition to their hands-on volunteering, LOLL hosts a series of impactful fundraising events. These include a Full Moon Circle, an exclusive shopping event at Dior Saks Bal Harbour, a Brunch Soiree at the Deck at Island Gardens, Barry's Miami class, Manifest Workshop, Ladies Night Out at Rosa Sky, Joia Beach, State of Kid, Sound Bowl Healing, Wreath Making Workshop, and a Holiday Soirée at Bal Harbour Shops. Notably, all the proceeds generated from these events, totaling 100%, directly benefit LLF.





Miami Swim Week The Shows

FUNDRAISER

Annually, Miami Swim Week The Shows kick off with a purposeful opening show held at SLS Hotel South Beach, with all proceeds benefiting LLF. Attendees and supporters are treated to an open bar and a dazzling Miami Swim Week The Shows fashion showcase. What makes this event truly special is that LLF extends the experience to children from its partner facilities, allowing them to actively participate in the runway show, creating memories of a lifetime.

In previous editions, the opening show has highlighted the talents of renowned designers, including Ema Savahl of Ema Savahl Couture Swim, Amarotto Swimwear, and Paola Estefania.





Halloween Fundraiser

FUNDRAISER

Annually, LLF organizes a Halloween Fundraiser to raise funds for our Children's Halloween Party, creating a memorable and enjoyable experience for the children it serves. Past events have showcased a variety of themed gatherings, such as the Scary Fish Halloween Party at Sexy Fish Miami, the immersive Nightmare on the Beach held on the sands of South Beach, and even unique activities like Sunrise Yoga.

These fundraisers not only contribute to the success of the Children's Halloween Party but also provide an engaging platform for supporters and attendees to actively participate in the mission of LLF.



THE LITTLE LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION'S

HEARTS AND STARS

G A L A

Each year LLF hosts its annual Hearts & Stars Gala that is a Black-Tie event raising funds for LLF programming. This event brings together Miami's influential individuals, trendsetters, and esteemed brands for a night of opulence and celebration.

Guests attending this Black-Tie event are treated to a sumptuous experience, featuring delectable food samplings from local restaurants and catering teams, as well as captivating live entertainment. Notable music performers from past events include Busta Rhymes, Wyclef, CeeLo, Flo Rida, and Nelly, adding an extra layer of excitement to the festivities.

Beyond the glamour, the Hearts & Stars Gala offers a unique platform for Miami's leading philanthropists and top brands to unite in a collective effort, contributing to the impactful initiatives of LLF.





Holiday Fundraiser

Every year, LLF organizes a Holiday Fundraiser, a key initiative to fund its Holiday Toy & Meal Distribution. The goal is to offer a winter wonderland experience for underserved children in the community by providing an abundance of toys and family necessity kits. Past Holiday Fundraiser events have featured a range of exciting venues, including a Sunset Yacht Cruise, parties at Hyde Beach Miami, Biscayne Beach, and various private residences in Miami.

These fundraising events play a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the Holiday Toy & Meal Distribution, making it possible to spread joy and festive cheer to those in need during the holiday season. The diverse and festive nature of the events reflects LLF's commitment to combining fundraising efforts with enjoyable experiences, all aimed at making a positive impact on the lives of the community's underserved children.





Testimonials



We extend our deepest gratitude to LLF for their unwavering support in providing weekly fitness programs and annual specialty programs for the children we serve. Their commitment to enhancing the well-being of underserved youth in Miami is truly commendable, and we are proud to collaborate in making a lasting positive impact on their lives."

- *Gale Nelson, President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters Miami & the Florida Keys*



"LLF has been a beacon of support for Breakthrough Miami, enriching the lives of our Scholars through engaging initiatives each year including the Back to School event, Children's Halloween Party, and Holiday Toy & Meal Distribution. Little Lighthouse Foundation's vision, mission, and leadership advances a spirit of volunteerism across our community. Their efforts nurture a more connected, engaged, and giving community in South Florida. We are grateful for the lasting impact they've made in the lives of the children and families we serve. Together, we are creating meaningful breakthroughs and brighter futures for our community's youth."

- *Lori-Ann Cox, CEO of Breakthrough Miami*



"I am very inspired to see people like you because it's a big weight and no one horse can pull this weight. And you've been dealing with other charities. Nothing, but respect to you."

- *Moishe Mana, Founder & Chairman of Mana Common*



It's always very exciting to be here and to see all the children and just have a wonderful day of joy alongside LLF."

- *Estefania Monch, Hasbro, Specialist Philanthropy & Engagement Global Philanthropy and Social Impact*



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