

Program Update: Focus on Kids & Teens

Summer 2011 Kids' Camp: Fun and Fabulous

The 2011 Lighthouse Kids' Camp was amazing! This year we had six participants, ranging in age from five to 12. The program included learning through a lot of very fun activities, such as games, crafts, cooking, yoga, and dance. It was beautiful to hear the laughter in the halls, and **the noise of very happy children having a great time in a place where their limited vision doesn't matter.**

The teachers were Sylvia Perez, Betty Kolongowski, (who developed and taught some great crafts), and Charity Ryder, (a Lighthouse vocational rehabilitation client completing a paid work experience sponsored by the Florida Division of Blind Services). In addition, "Mr. Joe" Broderick, a Lighthouse volunteer, joined us to lend a hand and a lot of patience. Joe was like having a 'grandpa' on-site. Many others on the Lighthouse team also jumped in to help as needed.

It was a week packed full of activities for a very energetic group of youngsters. We worked on learning to identify coins by touch (quarters and dimes have ridges while pennies and nickels are smooth); making sandwiches, mini-pizzas, and everyone's favorite—brownies and ice cream sundaes; learning to use our senses of touch, listening and smell; and safe movement through fitness, dance, and yoga. (Thanks to **Jerri Solicito** for providing free yoga instruction.)



Enthusiastic kids learn about guide dogs from Executive Director Sylvia Perez and her trusted companion Carmel.

The most exciting part of the week was learning a dance at Arthur Murray Palm Harbor, which was then video-taped and appeared nationally on "So You Think You Can Dance." The children and their families, as well as all connected with the Lighthouse and Arthur Murray Palm Harbor, were beyond excited about this. The children were so thrilled to be "stars." To get a glimpse of the kids in action, please visit www.youtube.com/user/LighthouseVIB.

On the last day of the camp week, we spent a day at our Brooksville office playing under the sprinkler, playing games, and riding the tandem bikes. It was fun and exhaust-

ing. All took a nap on the way home, including Sylvia!

Betty said the camp was so much fun, and that her favorite part was when Brian, age nine, said that making the "Oceans in a bottle" project was the best thing he has ever made. Betty said this made her feel so good because she worked really hard to select projects the kids would like and remember. Joe said that the week was one of the best weeks he has ever had in his entire life.

When the children were asked what their favorite activities were, they said:

Brian, age nine, making the "Oceans in a bottle" craft; Alexia, seven, singing; Marianna, seven, dancing; Jeovanny, five, playing games and under the sprinkler; Billy, twelve, making new friends; and Shamain, ten, said "everything". She said she wishes the Kids' Camp could last all year instead of only one week.

The Lighthouse Children's Program for five to 13 year-olds has no funding source, except for donations made by individuals. If you would like to make a special donation towards this program, it will help the Lighthouse provide more opportunities throughout the school year and summer. Please help us put many more smiles on the faces of our children!!! ■



From left to right: The kids loosen up while having loads of fun with yoga; 'Oceans in a bottle' was a huge hit in art class; The kids are a delight as they learn to dance at Arthur Murray Palm Harbor.

To view more pictures from Kids' Camp, please visit <http://lvib.org/programs/children>.

Teen Summer Program: They “Got to Work”

This summer the Lighthouse was full of youth, with five weeks dedicated to the Teen Camp, which is part of our School to Work Transition Program for Teens with visual impairments. This year, the number in the camp grew from seven to 12 teens, which kept instructors very, very busy.

The goal of this program is to provide teens with opportunities and training to prepare them for the transition from high school to the workforce or college and independent living. The first few days were spent making new friends, which is so important, as many teens do not know others who are visually impaired.

The program was taught by Andrea Wallace, a Teacher of the Visually Impaired and Orientation and Mobility Specialist; Sarah Clark, a Certified Vision Rehabilitation Teacher; and Melissa Salmon, a Pasco County School Teacher at Calusa Elementary.

The five-week camp was comprised of real work experience in the community, tours behind-the-scenes at several local businesses, skills training in computers and daily living, as well as recreational and social activities.

An important aspect of the program is mentoring by successful adults who are visually impaired or blind. Presentations were provided by a blind massage therapist, blind screen writer/lawyer/software tester and a blind student currently attending a local college. The teens also went to the Boys and Girls Club to play some games with simulator glasses—where they taught the sighted teens that just because you can’t see well doesn’t mean you can’t be competitive. The game winner was a Lighthouse teen!

The teens and staff also traveled to Orlando for an international convention of persons who are blind. This provided the group with an opportunity to meet people of all ages and from all over who are blind and living successful and independent lives. The group got a chance to visit an exhibition of all kinds of amazing technology, which they are or will utilize to work and live independently themselves.

Behind-the-scenes tours are really important as they help us understand all of the

positions and skills for which one company might have a need. The Lighthouse teens visited Freedom Scientific (a developer and provider of assistive technology for blind persons), Soule Packaging Company, ABCO Graphics & Printing, Publix, Beef ‘O’ Brady’s, and Homewood Suites. The tours were very informative and fun. Most of our employers fed the teens too, which made them all very happy!



Teens in our 2011 Summer Program learn about businesses and careers in the community. For more pictures, please turn to page 5.

Do you remember your first job as a teen? Brings back memories, right? Unfortunately, teens with visual impairments often do not have that first job as a teen, but the Lighthouse and the Florida Division of Blind Services (DBS) has changed that. Through DBS funding, the Lighthouse finds “real work experiences” for all of our participants. We are grateful for the Division of Blind Services, which pays each teen a salary for their work experience efforts. Of course, the paycheck each week is a huge motivator for the teens!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the agencies who hosted our teens for their four weeks of work experience. Teens worked on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and they worked hard, bagging groceries at Publix; filing, shredding and assisting staff at Pasco Kids First; assembling phones at Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of Florida; and caring for animals directly and indirectly at the SPCA Suncoast. We also placed two teens in our Brooksville office where they cleaned and worked in the WebStore.

Some of our placement supervisors wrote:

“This is the second year we have had the pleasure of hosting some of the teens from the Lighthouse during their work experience program. We were very excited when we learned they had chosen to come here again. The teens brighten our day with their positive attitudes, eagerness to work, and love of animals.”

*—Gail Armstrong, Executive Director
SPCA Suncoast*

“The volunteer worker provided us with an invaluable service. She was dependable, hard working, and her sweet demeanor was a joy to be around. She enjoyed training a new hearing volunteer in phone assembly. Our only complaint is that she worked too fast! It was hard to keep her busy!”

*—Jennifer Hess
Employment Svcs. Specialist
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Services of Florida*

The major goal of the summer program is to help our teens start to identify possible ideas for work in their future. The careers they are interested in include being an artist, a salesperson, a business owner,

a judge/working with the law, an animal worker, a daycare worker, a youth worker, and a writer.

We believe exposure to many possibilities is critical, so visually impaired teens realize the many opportunities available to them. It’s great that they have jobs and careers that currently hold an interest, but you know they will all change their minds many times over the next few years!

At the parent night/graduation ceremony, one teen said, **“The teens in the program and the Lighthouse staff are like family to me. I am thankful for everyone’s support and for the great work experience I received in the community.”**

The Lighthouse wishes to thank all the people who made this year’s transition camp possible. It was a huge and important success. Visually impaired teens do not get the same opportunities as their sighted peers to develop the necessary work experience that will help them as they mature. Our School to Work Transition Program for Teens works to fill the gaps. It is designed to meet our teens’ individual needs and prepares them for the future. ■

Client Profile: Living & Learning with Low Vision

Resident Cook: Linda Mitscher

Linda Mitscher is known around the Lighthouse for her quirky personality, quick smile and willingness to lend a hand. She began using Lighthouse services in 2007, after two years of early retirement. Linda has diabetes, a disease that has affected her body and her eyes. She has had an amputation below the knee and is now visually impaired. In spite of these challenges, Linda continues to live a full and rewarding life.

Linda was born in California, and as a child, moved to West Virginia, then to Texas. For the last 20 years, she has called Florida her home. Linda lives with her partner TJ in a house that is arranged for Linda's convenience. Furniture is placed around the perimeter of each room and only a few carpets are laid, so moving around is easy. Raised markings adorn all the appliances, making them safe for use by someone with a visual impairment. A CCTV is ready for whenever Linda wants to read. (A CCTV is a video magnification machine that magnifies printed text onto a monitor).

Linda spent the last 20 years of her career working in accounting. Though she loved working with numbers and computers, she began having trouble seeing reports. Linda was unaware that she had Diabetic Retinopathy. She had no symptoms until irreversible damage had occurred to her vision. In 2005, Linda left her accounting position. She sought other employment that didn't involve reading small numbers, however she wasn't able to see job applications either.

In 2007, Linda came to the Lighthouse to learn skills to cope with her vision loss. **She started with Independent Living Skills Training where she learned about raised marking, medication management, bill folding, and how to safely prepare meals.** Her class of eight students had a great time together—learning how



**Top: Linda looks forward to her computer classes.
Bottom: Linda works with the teens to prepare for their parents night/graduation dinner.**

to function in the kitchen and outside of it. Soon they were cooking for each other.

Cooking is one of Linda's favorite pastimes, taught to her by her grandmother. Linda often brings in lovely prepared meals for her classmates and for the Lighthouse staff. Recently, Linda spent an entire day at the Lighthouse helping the teens prepare for their parents night/graduation dinner. Linda took charge of preparing the fruit, vegetables and ham

rolls and was assisted by the teens. It was fun to cook with the teens; they were focused and very helpful to everybody.

Linda said, "Cooking with low vision is hard. You can't chop food easily into small pieces or see when food gets brown. You have to do a lot by touch." She said it is also difficult to shop for food or clothes when you are unable to see print, price tags and colors. She added, "Everywhere you go, you need to advocate for yourself. Sometimes the white cane isn't enough."

Linda likes to read, using her audio book machine from the National Library Services Library of Congress Talking Book Division, a free service provided to persons who are blind and visually impaired. She appreciates a variety of materials which includes Perry Mason, "Clan of the Cave Bear" and Harry Potter.

Linda continues to use Lighthouse services. She began a computer class several months ago, and is now looking forward to learning Microsoft Access. After years of working on the computer, she said, "Taking PowerPoint and Word using ZoomText," (a screen magnification software program for the computer), "makes my mind work. It stimulates other areas of my life too, and makes me think about what I've got, what I want, and how I like to be challenged."

She concluded, **"If you need help, you have to go out and find it. You need to have faith and believe."** ■

Persons in need of Lighthouse services can contact the Lighthouse directly. We also welcome referrals from family members, friends, doctors, and other professionals.

Employment Update: Celebrating Success

The word “unemployment” has become a commonly heard term these days, but for persons who are blind and visually impaired it has always been a huge issue. Persons with vision impairment face an unemployment rate of over 70%, and many who are working are under-employed. The Lighthouse works very hard with our partners at the Florida Division of Blind Services to help reduce this statistic in Pasco, Hernando and Citrus Counties. Part of ensuring that a person is able to acquire employment is to make sure they have the skills, experience and education needed for the job market.

At the Lighthouse we provide Job Readiness Training that involves counseling and referral, computer training, and the use of a variety of adaptive devices and software that make it possible for a person who is blind to perform job tasks. We say that technology is “the great equalizer” for us, as it truly enables a person who is blind to access the computer and beyond. In fact, blind people are often much better “techies” than sighted people—because we have to be!

In addition to the training we provide, the Lighthouse also helps facilitate and even hosts “work experiences” at our agency and within the community. These two to three-month on-the-job training opportunities enable a person who has lost vision or who has never



Wendy Munderville utilizing access technology to complete her Defense Acquisition University training.

had vision and has no work experience to work in a “safe and adapted” environment to build skills and confidence. Employers who host a work experience client incur no costs or risks as this program is subsidized by the Florida Department of Education.

The Lighthouse has had great success with our Job Readiness Training Program. **One success story is about a Citrus County resident named Ben.** At 30 years of age, Ben was forced to leave his very successful employment in the national automobile dealership trader field due to the rapid onset of vision loss. This devastating loss of income and self-sufficiency was very traumatic.

However, because of Ben’s continual motivation to return to work, and with the comprehensive services of Lighthouse counselors and teachers, he is now back at work and has a very bright future in his career of choice.

Another Lighthouse success story is Wendy, who has adjusted to her loss of vision by working with the professionals at the Lighthouse.

Wendy, a former secretary, returned to college and earned an Associate’s Degree in preparation for her upcoming Bachelor’s Degree in Business. Wendy enrolled in a very exclusive and selective National Industries of the Blind cooperative training program with the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Acquisition University, and after completing the coursework, is qualified for a position with the

U.S. Army as a Civilian Contract Specialist.

Over the past year, we have worked with over 70 persons with an employment goal, to help them learn adaptive skills, get their GED or college degree, find employment, and complete work experiences at the Lighthouse and in the community. It has been amazing to see what our clients have accomplished, and we are proud that we were able to play a part in their success. We are also grateful for the support of the community. If you would like to learn how you can help individuals who are blind get jobs, please contact the Lighthouse. ■

Teens At Work (2011 Teen Summer Program)



The teens were able to learn so much from the behind-the-scenes tours and from their volunteer work placements. Left: Assembling phones; Center: Painting & decorating; Right: Building a computerized database.

To view more pictures from the Teen Summer Program, please visit <http://lvib.org/programs/transition>.

People Making a Difference

Bruce Mills, Past Lighthouse Board President



Bruce and his wife Monica, two invaluable supporters of the Lighthouse.

Bruce Mills has been on the Lighthouse Board of Directors since 2006. In the fiscal year ending 2010, he was the President of the Board. Bruce is a past president of the Rotary Club of New Port Richey, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Pasco County, and his son's Boy Scout Troop. He has served as the chair of several events and committees, including the Chasco Fiesta Boat Parade and the Boy Scout Eagle Board of Review. Bruce is the Chairman-Elect of the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce. He was honored as King Pithla at the Lighthouse's 2006 Chasco Coronation Ball.

Professionally, Bruce has worked for the CPA firm of Prosser Howells, P.A., for the last three years. Previous to that, he and Monica, his wife, owned Gulfside Docks Corporation, which became the largest

marine contractor in the area. They sold the business in 2008.

Bruce has been married for 26 years and has two boys in college. He does a lot of bicycle riding, which includes three RAGBRAIs—the world's largest bicycle ride with 20,000 cyclists pedaling seven days and 500 miles across Iowa. He also enjoys snow skiing and swimming. In 2009, Bruce entered the 12.5 mile Swim Around Key West, which took seven and a half hours to complete.

Sylvia Perez, Executive Director, says, "Bruce and Monica Mills are tremendously supportive of the Lighthouse and our mission. We can always count on them to help when called on, and Bruce is always willing to share his wisdom and business knowledge. We are grateful for their support." ■

Betty Kolongowski, Volunteer, Driver, Art Teacher



Betty and Sylvia with our budding artists. (Betty is in the back row, second from the left).

Betty Kolongowski first came to the Lighthouse in January as a result of a posting for administrative volunteers on VolunteerMatch.org. During her interview with the Executive Director, Sylvia Perez, Betty learned of the many ways the Lighthouse uses volunteers and needs assistance. She began right away by volunteering as an art teacher for seniors with vision impairments.

She also volunteered to provide numerous rides for clients, regardless

of how early she had to start her day.

Betty's art class was an instant success. Although Betty had never taught art before, she was very resourceful. She was able to put together a three-month program, based on information gathered from the library and the Internet. She collected materials from yard sales, neighbors, and the Dollar Store. As the seniors created artwork that included 'Oceans in a bottle,' Valentine cards, scented bath beads, painted flowers, and Easter Eggs, they became very social and committed. During class, they spoke about their lives and helped each other to complete each project. Some enjoyed the art class so much, they would not schedule anything on 'art class' days.

At the end of the program, the seniors organized a potluck and then attended a ceremony where they received diplomas in recognition of their individual traits, such as Best Finger Painter, Culinary Artist, Painter of Flowers, and Most Helpful. The diplomas were all in fun and were well received.

Many seniors said, "When we are in class, we never want to leave. We made so many great and interesting things, and had a great time with Betty and with each other."

Betty was also grateful for the experience. "I was in awe of them. I would watch them use magnifying glasses to see as they painted, and it made me admire them—their learned abilities and improved attitudes about themselves." She also felt appreciated. Betty was such a dedicated and reliable volunteer, she became a part of Lighthouse's paid staff in May.

The art class wrapped up just in time for the teen transition program and the children's summer camp to begin. Again, Betty became deeply involved as she drove countless miles to help the teens participate. She also provided support for the teens as required. Then she became the lead in Kids' Camp where she worked to entertain and care for a group of energy-filled children.

According to Sylvia, this summer's Kids' Camp was a huge success because of Betty's creativity, compassion, and dedication. She worked tirelessly to plan activities the children would really enjoy and from which they would learn a great deal.

For Betty, being at the Lighthouse is not a job; it's a hobby and an inspiration. She is thrilled to be able to help people with vision impairments. ■

To get information about volunteering, please visit our Volunteer web page at <http://lvib.org/help/volunteer>.

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The Lighthouse appreciates the support of our generous donors. Our funding is limited, therefore we need your help to meet the need for services. Please support the Lighthouse by making **donations, volunteering** your time and expertise, and providing much needed gifts-in-kind from our **Wish List**. You can also become a member of **The Friends of the Lighthouse** or **The Lighthouse Legacy Society**, or you can purchase a **State of Vision License Plate**. Please help **raise awareness** about vision impairment and services by telling your contacts about the Lighthouse. For information on all the ways to support our mission, please visit www.lvib.org/help/donate.

RECENT LIGHTHOUSE DONATIONS include **Kohl's, Pasco Aging Network,**

Walmart, Hernando Community Resource Council, as well as:

- **Arthur Murray Palm Harbor** donated countless hours of dance instruction to our children and teens (see photo on the right), and recently they held a fundraiser for the Lighthouse. They raised over \$400 which includes a donation from the Dancing Swans! Kudos to Arthur Murray for holding a fundraiser for the Lighthouse. Others are invited to do the same. If you would like to hold a fundraiser for the Lighthouse, let us know.
- The Lighthouse recently became a partner agency of the **United Way of Hernando County**, who is supporting independent living and employment training for Hernando residents. It is always an honor to be a United Way agency!

A list of donors, Friends of the Lighthouse members, and volunteers is provided below. Please visit www.lvib.org/help/our-supporters for an expanded listing.

Thank you to everyone for your support of persons with vision impairments. ■



Kids' Camp at Arthur Murray Palm Harbor, ready to dance the day away!

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Events Calendar —Coming This Fall

Brooksville Community Yard Sale

Friday, October 7, 2011

8am to 2pm

6492 California St., Brooksville, FL 34609

- Sales merchandise includes WebStore movies, music, books & books on CD + **select Vision Aids**.
- Other Service Organizations are invited to set up a table to sell their own merchandise for a fee of \$25. Please email events@lvib.org for details.

White Cane Safety Awareness Day

Saturday, October 15, 2011

- A walk in the park, games, simulation with blindfold, trivia, and a picnic-style lunch—all to celebrate National White Cane Awareness.
- Check www.lvib.org closer to the date for details and activities in your area!

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The Lighthouse is funded in part by the Department of Education, Division of Blind Services, by the United Way of Pasco and Hernando Counties, and by Pasco County Commissioners. We also depend on fundraising and donations from clubs, businesses and private citizens in order to meet the need for services.

Lighthouse programs and services for all ages include outreach, independent living skills, assistive technology, Braille, orientation & mobility, adjustment to blindness, Little Lighthouse for babies, summer camp for children, transition to adulthood for teens, job readiness for adults and support groups for adults, seniors, parents and partners.

Services are provided one-on-one or in a small group setting. Classes are held in our offices located in Port Richey and Brooksville. We also provide classes in the community, in cities such as Zephyrhills, Dade City and Lecanto. Home-based training is available to many individuals. Transportation is available for training.

Persons in need of our services can contact the Lighthouse directly. Please plan a visit to the Lighthouse to determine if our services are right for you. We also welcome referrals from family members, friends, doctors, and other professionals. To make a referral or to learn about eligibility requirements, call us or visit our website. For your convenience, a referral form can be downloaded from www.lvib.org/programs. ■

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