The Light House has provided emergency shelter, transitional and supportive housing, homelessness prevention, and related support services to people who are homeless and at risk of homelessness in Anne Arundel County for almost 30 years.

**OUR MISSION** is to rebuild lives with compassion by providing shelter and services to prevent homelessness and empower people as they transition toward employment, housing and self-sufficiency.

**OUR VISION** is to be a national model for how a community cares for its neighbors experiencing homelessness. We strive to break the cycle of homelessness by providing a place of belonging, life changing programs, and a broad continuum of services.

**We’re rebuilding lives through programs and services that work.**

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**A note from the Executive Director**

*Thank you to all who supported The Light House in 2017. Once again our Light House community has turned compassion into action, and this report is a testament to our shared success. Our organization, clients, and community face new and difficult challenges every day, but thanks to the hard work and generosity of our volunteers, donors, community partners, staff, and clients, we’re able to look back on another year with pride. Thank you for your continued determination to be a light for the homeless in our community!*

*In deepest gratitude,*

Jo Ann Mattson, Executive Director
In 2017, The Light House provided emergency shelter, food, clothing, case management, and many other vital homelessness prevention and support services to over 2,000 community members in need.

We couldn’t do it without YOU!

More than 1,000 volunteers donated over 8,000 hours of time

2,431 individuals, organizations, and businesses provided financial support

776 individuals, organizations, and businesses made in-kind donations

41 local foundations provided funding through donations and grant opportunities

31 local congregations provided financial support

Received the Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.’s 2017 Nonprofit of the Year Award!

Thank You!
In 2017

Your Support of The Light House...

- Provided emergency and transitional housing for 187 individuals and 18 families, including 34 children.
- Moved more than 106 individuals and families into permanent housing.
- Distributed 47,400 bagged lunches, 85,600 pounds of bagged groceries, 7,700 hot breakfasts, 13,500 hot lunches, and 20,000 dinners.
- Distributed 2,200 articles of clothing to 219 Career Closet clients and provided showers and laundry facilities to over 400 clients.
- Provided many other support services including case management, expungement assistance, utility and eviction aid, rental assistance, referrals to mental health and substance abuse counseling, parenting and life-skills classes, childcare, adult basic education, career development services, employment at our social enterprises, and much more.
- Trained over 290 people since 2012, through our B.E.S.T. workforce development program, with 100 percent of our B.E.S.T. graduates having passed their rigorous exit exams, qualifying them for gainful employment in Anne Arundel County and beyond.

Together we’re breaking the cycle of homelessness!
The Light House spent $3,281,830 on program services in Fiscal Year 2017.

In Fiscal Year 2017, The Light House spent just 9% of total expenses on administrative costs, and 5% on fundraising costs. This means 86% of all donations and revenue went directly towards our life-changing programs and services. By spending only 14% on fundraising and administration, we’re putting our money where our mission is!
Get Involved!

**VOLUNTEER:** From serving a meal to sorting clothes in our career closet, individuals and organizations can volunteer their time and talent through a wide variety of opportunities. If you would like to volunteer with us visit our website at [www.annapolislighthouse.org/volunteer](http://www.annapolislighthouse.org/volunteer).

**DONATE SUPPLIES:** From canned goods to bus passes, donated items allow us to provide our struggling neighbors with basic necessities. If you would like to donate much needed supplies and see our current donation needs, visit [www.annapolislighthouse.org/needs](http://www.annapolislighthouse.org/needs).

**MONETARY DONATIONS:** The Light House depends on donations to help fund our operations and programs. Almost 90% of our budget is funded by private donations from individuals, foundations, corporations, and additional organizations. Without this continued generosity, we would not be able to continue to provide these much needed services.

**Checks/money orders may be made payable to:**
The Light House Inc., 10 Hudson St, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Donate online or to learn more about other ways to give:**
[www.annapolislighthouse.org/ways-to-give](http://www.annapolislighthouse.org/ways-to-give)

**DONATE PROPERTY:** There is always a need for safe and stable housing for our residential clients. If you are interested in donating property or partnering with us to help provide supportive housing please contact our Development Department at development@annapolislighthouse.org or 410-349-5056.

**HIRE OUR RESIDENTS:** Many of our residents are seeking sustainable employment, and work with our Employment Specialist to gain the training and skills needed to be valuable employees. If your business or organization would like to learn more about hiring our residents please contact our Employment Specialist, Anna Kaminski at akaminski@annapolislighthouse.org or 443-569-3713.

Thank you for your support!

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