

*Rebuilding Lives ... Creating Opportunities*



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Light House

A HOMELESS  
PREVENTION  
SUPPORT CENTER

## Working to Break the Cycle of Homelessness

Thanks to you we continue to work to break the cycle of homelessness. For example, we run our winter relief program for the chronically homeless during inclement weather. We hope that some of those clients will enter our residential program. Once there, they can get the help they need and apply to our B.E.S.T. (Building Employment Success Training) program designed to equip people with specific skills needed for sustainable employment. After 12 weeks of training and a paid internship, we help clients find housing and jobs.

Please consider making a financial gift to the Light House to help improve the quality of life for many of our neighbors who are struggling. Now more than ever, we need your continued support as we work hard to help rebuild lives and create opportunities. **You really can make a difference.**



**Elizabeth Kinney**  
*Executive Director*



*Volunteers from St. Philips Episcopal Church have been preparing lunches for the Light House for 20 years.*

## VOLUNTEERS

More than 1,000 individuals and community groups actively and tirelessly volunteer their time and expertise at the Light House. Without their service, we would not be able to provide the kind of programs that help those in need in our community.



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The total number of homeless people in Maryland has increased 27% in the last three years.



## PROGRAMS

- Case Management and Client Service Plans.
- Homeless Prevention — preventing eviction services including financial assistance for utility bills, rent, transportation and purchasing emergency medicine.
- Food Program — serving hot breakfasts, lunches and dinners to residents, bagged lunches and groceries for community members in need, all donated by volunteers.
- Employment Resource Center — GED preparation, career counseling, resumé writing, interviewing skills and computer training.
- Building Employment Success Training Program (B.E.S.T.) — job skills training and paid internships in five areas including: housekeeping, maintenance, landscaping, retail and kitchen and culinary arts. Focus on building employer partnerships.
- Career Closet — provides career clothing for residents and additional clothing to community.
- Mental health services, addiction services and recovery support groups.
- On-site classes include: financial literacy, parenting, anger management and health and wellness programs.

## SHELTER

- Beds for 30 men, 15 beds for women, five apartments for families with up to 20 children on Hudson Street.
- Three transitional houses for families, three transitional apartments for men and the permanent supportive Willow house for five women.
- 30 additional severe weather beds to non-shelter residents at West Street, Annapolis.



## PANTRY

The food pantry is *stocked solely* from donations and with volunteer help from individuals, community and church groups. This past year the Light House pantry was able to provide over \$825,000 in food and groceries for individuals and families in need. This included:

- 43,454 bagged lunches
- 4,800 grocery bags of food
- 10,750 hot breakfasts
- 13,000 hot lunches
- 8,500 hot dinners

Families and children comprise 23% of the homeless population. • The Light House has a waiting list of over 600 people, 309 of those are families.

## HELP US KEEP THE LIGHT SHINING

**DONATIONS** We gratefully accept gifts of cash and stock. Please mail in this form with your check or you can donate online using your credit card.

**BECOME A RECURRING DONOR** through the Light House Keeper Program. This truly keeps the doors open and the lights on at our shelter through monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual credit card donations. Please visit our website to sign up. Or, simply provide your information at right, check the box to become a Light House Keeper and we'll set it up for you.

**GIVE IN-KIND** Our facilities have specific needs for materials, equipment and services. Click on "How You Can Help" on our website for a list of immediate needs.

**VOLUNTEER** Generous volunteers commit their time and talent to keep our operating costs low and focus the money we raise on serving people in need. A list of current volunteer opportunities and ways you can sign-up are available on our website or you can contact our volunteer coordinator at [marshall@annapolislighthouse.org](mailto:marshall@annapolislighthouse.org) or call 443.569.4208.

**MATCHING GIFTS** Many companies will match their employee's donations. You can check with your employer to see if they have a matching gift, grant or volunteer program.

For more information about the Light House please visit [www.annapolislighthouse.org](http://www.annapolislighthouse.org).



## YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Because of your support we are able to keep our doors open and provide critical help, hope, and support to those in need. To donate, please complete this form and mail it back to us in the envelope provided with your check or payment information.

**YES, I WILL HELP.** My donation is enclosed for: \_\_ \$25 \_\_ \$50 \_\_ \$75 \_\_ \$100 \_\_ \$250 \_\_ \$500 \_\_ \$1,000 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.** Please contact me.

**YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH FRIENDS OF THE LIGHT HOUSE EVENTS.** Please contact me.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Donating online is fast and easy at [www.AnnapolisLightHouse.org](http://www.AnnapolisLightHouse.org)

*As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations to the Light House are tax deductible.*



### PAYMENT METHOD

**CHECK ENCLOSED** and made payable to the Light House.

**CREDIT CARD** (circle one) Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

CC# \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CSC# \_\_\_\_\_  
(security code)

Printed Name (as it appears on card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**RECURRING DONOR: LIGHT HOUSE KEEPER**

Bill my credit card \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_\_ semi-annually \_\_\_\_ annually



## S U C C E S S S T O R Y

*"I have always taken care of my elderly mother who had alzheimers. When she died, I had no place to go. I had never lived on my own. I came to the Light House two and a half months ago. Everyone was really concerned about me. and helped me get on a regular medication schedule for my diabetes, get new glasses and prepared me to be out on my own. I found a job at the Dollar Tree and the Light House even got a bicycle for me so I could get to work. Thanks to my case worker, I just moved into my first apartment. I am very proud of what I have accomplished and my family is proud of me too. If I hadn't come to the Light House, I would be out on the street. Now I have a job, a place to live and a future I can look forward to." — Carson (Alex) Gainey*

In 1989 Annapolis Area Ministries, Inc. was started by local churches to help meet the needs of the homeless in Anne Arundel County. 21 years later, the Light House is the only facility in Anne Arundel County serving homeless men, women and families. In addition to providing food, shelter and clothing, opportunities for sustainable employment and permanent housing are provided through case management services and job training. Our goal is to help people reclaim hope and independence through life-changing programs administered with love and compassion.

## Y O U C A N M A K E A D I F F E R E N C E

*I am on a path  
Least traveled  
I refuse to be frazzled  
Many forks in the road of life  
Some leading to pain and strife  
Some call me homeless  
Some call me a bum  
As long as I have my dreams  
What dreams may come  
— James D. (Light House resident)*



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