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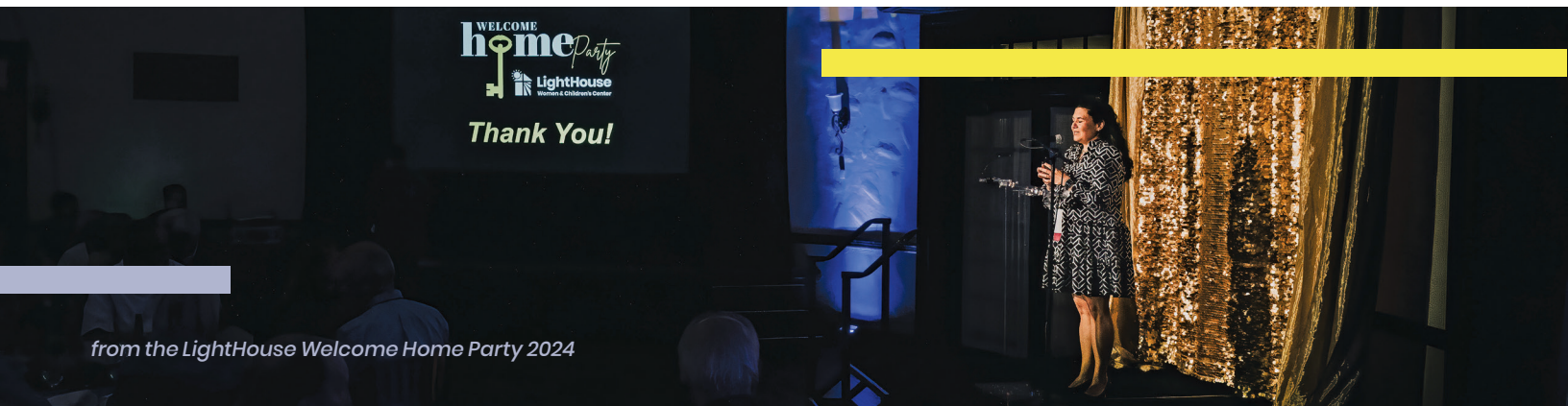


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Rescue Mission

Back on Track: Zyre's Story



Zyre was in the foster care system from ages 9 to 16. For the past two years, he has been homeless and without consistent adult supervision. Zyre still managed to attend Reading High until this past February when he dropped out of his senior year. Zyre, now 18, came to The Mission on April 8th. Since arriving, case management and life coaching assisted Zyre in obtaining his birth certificate, social security card, state ID, food stamps, medical coverage, and a cell phone. Zyre was reinstated at Reading High on April 15th, and he is set to graduate on time! Zyre will also be attending his Senior Prom proudly wearing his school colors with help from his Case Manager. Thanks to your support, Zyre got his life and future back on track at a pivotal time to graduate! Zyre is currently taking steps to enlist in the Army and enroll in the Human Services program at RACC.



from the LightHouse Welcome Home Party 2024

Donor Spotlight: Compassion Endodontics

Compassion Endodontics, located in West Lawn, is owned and operated by Dr. Thomas Graham, who served as a Major in the US Army. Dr. Graham runs a state-of-the-art dental specialty practice and takes tangible steps to uplift his patients and the community. Compassion patients are offered spiritual comfort before procedures through prayer and encouraging Scriptures. Hope Rescue Mission and other ministries are promoted in their waiting area for patients to support and volunteer. Compassion donates a portion of the proceeds of every root canal performed to Hope! Dr. Graham's family and staff regularly volunteer serving meals at both The Mission and the Veterans Making a Difference center! Thank you, Dr. Graham, for turning even a root canal into a blessing!



Volunteer Spotlight: Lords & Ladies Salon and Medical Spa



Lords & Ladies Salon and Medical Spa has been offering haircuts to men staying at The Mission on a regular basis since 2022. For the first time this year, they were also excited to schedule appointments for women and children staying at LightHouse. Our guests always look forward to having the opportunity to sign up for an appointment. The stylists feel good about knowing that they are helping others in the community while serving together as a group. One of their favorite things about volunteering is seeing the smiles on our guests' faces after they've gotten a fresh haircut. Some of the transformations are amazing. We are so grateful to the staff at Lords & Ladies for giving their time and talents to brighten the lives of those staying at Hope Rescue Mission.

Watch the Miracles Happen

› from an anonymous LightHouse guest

What led you to come to LightHouse?

My kids are 5 and 7 and I lost my childcare suddenly in the middle of the summer because I could not find a daycare that had availability and accepted my childcare subsidy. Without childcare, I lost my job and couldn't work.

What has your experience been at LightHouse?

It's been interesting. There's been a lot of help, but it's also been a learning experience living with other women with trauma. When you're in a situation like this, you're forced to learn to live with people you wouldn't typically have to. The help has been a blessing. And if I hadn't been here when I lost child support I would have been homeless because I relied on that income. I firmly believe that God has guided us here. It hasn't been all roses and butterflies but overall, it's been a blessing.

What would you like people to know about you or your situation?

Homelessness can happen to anyone. I was making really good money before I lost my job. I didn't stress about bills or anything. Being here has taught me to truly trust God. That lesson in itself has been wild. If I just ask Him it will happen. Put your faith in Him and watch the miracles happen.



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SAVE THESE 2024 DATES!

SEPT. 7
130TH ANNIVERSARY
HOPE GALA

NOV. 9
5K PATRIOT RUN

Welcome Home Party 2024 Recap

On Thursday, May 9th, the 2nd Annual Welcome Home Party to benefit the LightHouse Women & Children's Center was held at the Reading Country Club. Highlights of the evening included a live auction, where guests bid on a variety of exclusive items and experiences, as well as a silent auction. There was an outpouring of support from the community. Because of the generosity of attendees and sponsors, LightHouse will continue its mission of restoring dignity and hope to the women they serve.



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