

Donations August 15, 2006 – November 15, 2006

Memorial Contributions

In memory of Thelma Canson
Ms. Fran Chiles

In memory of Victoria M. Collins
Mr. Ted Collins

In memory of Robin Roberts
Alan and Hope Levine & Family

In memory of Lucille Zwenger
Jeffrey and Lynn Nichols

In memory of Della Fay Cheek
Doug and Merla Williamson

Honorarium Contributions

In honor of C.T. and Julie Scott
Howard and Mary Scott

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Michele Hahnfeld, Chairman; Lee Johnson, Steve Peglar, Vice Chairmen; Kathleen Knight, Treasurer; Blake Hailey, Secretary; Stephen Wilson, Member-at-Large; Jim Haddock, Past Chairman. B. J. Cox, Lynn Cranz, James Creel, Adam Gellert, Tammy Gomez, Jack Hunnicutt, Marilyn Jones, Denise Kahn, Ruth Ann Kearley, Judy Kennedy, Bill Lamkin, Charlie Little, C. T. Scott, Jr., Mike Smith, Jim Stepp, Ike Thompson, John Via, Frances Wohler

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**COMMUNITY
EDUCATION EVENTS**

A series of six events will be hosted throughout the coming year to raise awareness of individuals regarding a community treasure—the Lighthouse for the Blind. On October 25, 2006, three Board members and six guests enjoyed ***Breakfast on Broadway***. Following an overview of the programs of service, David Milburn, 2005 Employee of the Year, shared his personal history with the Lighthouse. The group then toured the Industrial Division. Response to this event was extremely positive. The next activity scheduled is ***Lunch at the Lighthouse*** on December 6th.



*Jim Gibbons, NIB CEO and
David Milburn, 2005 Employee
of the Year*

LIGHTHOUSE IMAGE

The Public Relations committee has an ambitious plan for 2007. They want to help the community understand the Lighthouse program of services and activities. The 71-year-old organization has not produced brooms or mops for more than 30 years. Yet when the question is asked “What do you know about the Lighthouse for the Blind?” the typical response is “Aren’t they the people that make brooms and mops?” The PR Committee wants to update the agency’s image and during the year will develop plans to get the word out that *this is not your Grandmother’s Lighthouse*. Stay tuned for exciting changes.



SERV MART

Jim Walker and his Servmart staff, –Pat Bishop, Anthony Penson and Brandi Elliott–started their fifth year of operations at the Naval Air Station/Joint Reserve Base by raising the bar a bit higher.

Servmart’s primary purpose is to provide a place on base where military customers can purchase products and supplies manufactured by blind employees for use in their operations. The federal program is the “Javits, Wagner, O’Day Program” and is known as ***JWOD*** to airmen, sailors, marines and soldiers throughout the world. Agencies for the blind, such as the Fort Worth Lighthouse, produce over 1700 items, including computer paper, Fast Pack shipping boxes, energy dissipation pads and hydrazine pellets. Servmart stocks more than 800 JWOD products; 49% of 2006 store sales are products made by the blind.

LOCAL ARTIST WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Madeline Spearing recently traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to receive an award in a national project for visually impaired artists sponsored by American Printing House for the Blind. Madeline placed second out of approximately 5,000 entries with a blanket she crocheted with the Braille alphabet.

Madeline is active in the local Chapter of American Council of the Blind and received Orientation & Mobility training from Lighthouse O&M Instructor, Michelle Gatton.



Madeline is also active with several local consumer advocacy groups. The Lighthouse is proud of her and all she does on behalf of individuals experiencing vision loss.

PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

The establishment of a planned giving society has been approved by the Lighthouse Board of Directors. For the first time in its 71-year history, the Lighthouse will have a formalized manner of seeking and recognizing individuals who wish to include the organization in their estate plans.

Over the years, several bequests enabled the Lighthouse to establish its Endowment Trust, and it is hoped this new initiative will create additional interest. The Board elected to name the planned giving program in honor of the Lighthouse founder, Willie Fay Lewis. In acknowledgement, the program will be known as “The Lewis Legacy Society of the Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth.”

Ann Allan, Willie Fay’s daughter, was thrilled to hear of the Board’s decision to honor her mother in this way and has expressed a desire to be among the first to participate in the “Lewis Legacy Society.”

FLU SHOTS

Special thanks to the Tarrant County Public Health Department for providing flu shots and to their staff for administering the shots to 40 Lighthouse employees and the spouse of one. Several employees might not have received the needed protection without this cooperative effort between the Health Department and the Lighthouse.



PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Purchase of approximately 22,000 square feet of vacant property from the City of Fort Worth is expected to be complete by the Holidays. Located at the corner of Daggett and South Adams (north and west of the facility) the space will provide for future expansion to meet the Board of Directors’ long-range goal of adding 30 new jobs for employees who are blind, increasing employment to 100.

GSA COMMISSIONER JIM WILLIAMS VISITS THE FORT WORTH LIGHTHOUSE

Jim Williams, the newly named Commissioner of the Federal Acquisition Service of the General Service Administration, toured the Fort Worth Lighthouse for the Blind on November 15. He was in Fort Worth to meet with local GSA employees and wanted to visit an organization that was both a GSA supplier and customer. Following a discussion of the Lighthouse and the JWOD program, Mr. Williams toured the plant and met several of the blind employees. Bobby Bishop enjoyed talking with Mr. Williams. Bobby thinks it is important for people to realize all that the Lighthouse is involved with.

Jim was familiar with the federal procurement to purchase products from the blind and handicapped but had never visited a Lighthouse. He was impressed with the quality, production and delivery records for all of the agencies products. He was also pleased to learn the Servmart purchases supplies from GSA and is the only base service center that has a GSA kiosk so that military customers can order GSA products at the store.

Note of interest: Jim’s grandfather was the captain of a Lighthouse Service ship, the Orchid, which took supplies to lighthouses on the east coast.



Jim Williams and Bobby Bishop discuss the manufacture of Fast Pack Shipping Boxes

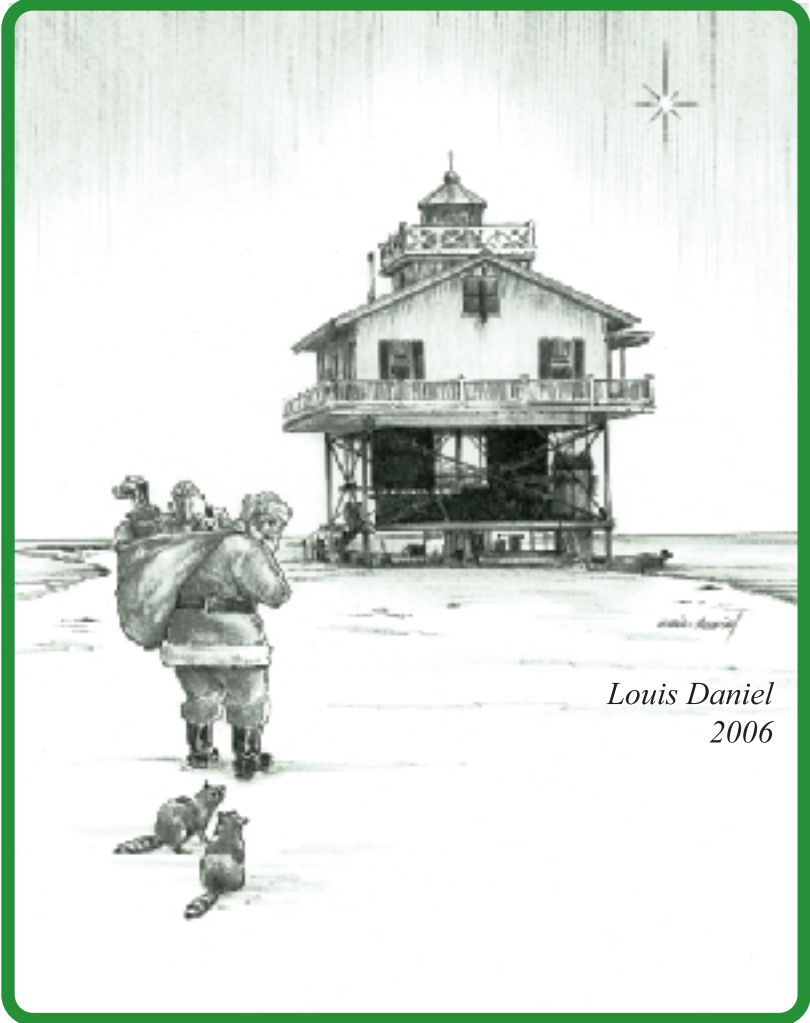
2006 CHRISTMAS CARD

Louis Daniel presented his 20th drawing of a Gulf Coast Lighthouse that will be used for the unique 2006 Christmas card. Featured will be the Cat Island Light that went into service off the coast of Mississippi near Gulfport in 1831. Over the years, several hurricanes severely damaged the Lighthouse and, after the Civil War, the Lighthouse Board decided to build a screw-pile Lighthouse.



Early drawing of the Cat Island Lighthouse

Construction on the Cat Island Light was completed and it was exhibited December 15, 1871 and used until 1938. Santa Claus with his bag of gifts is making his annual visit to the Cat Island Light accompanied by two very playful raccoons. Louis's original print will be framed and added to the collection of drawings on display in the Lighthouse lobby through the holidays.



LIGHTHOUSE HOLIDAYS

Lighthouse employees are getting ready for the Holidays.

Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following were paid holidays. Our now traditional Thanksgiving lunch was catered by Risky's Barbeque on Wednesday, November 22nd and enjoyed by all.



On December 20th, the Lighthouse Christmas luncheon will feature turkey, dressing and all the trimmings.

The highlight of the celebration will be recognition of our Employee of the Year by Michele Hahnfeld, Board Chairman.

Awards will also be presented for best employee suggestions. Employees will enjoy the Christmas holidays and vacation, returning to work on January 2, 2007.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

For more than 30 years, the Lighthouse has coordinated two enrichment activities for area visually-impaired (VI) children. With volunteer support from Southwestern Bell current and retired employees, a headphone system was installed at Will Rogers Coliseum. A narrator described to the children all of the action occurring during the Shrine Circus in November and will also be on hand for the Stock Show & Rodeo in January.

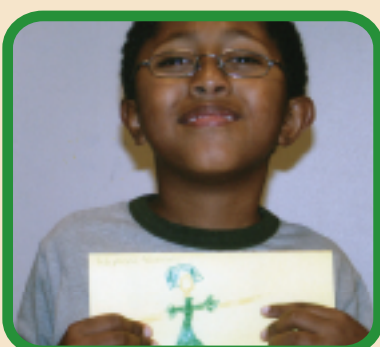
On the 10th of November, 35 VI youngsters from several local schools enjoyed a day at the Circus. This event would not be possible without the wonderful assistance of volunteers like Chad Decker who installs headsets, Paula Reed-Tollet who provided narration and Lighthouse Board member B.J. Cox, a retired SW Bell manager who has been involved with this project over 30 years. Once again, Lighthouse Board member Lee Johnson made a donation for the cost of Rodeo tickets and the VI children will enjoy their day at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on January 26, 2007.



**Thank you
from
Madison**



**Thank you for inviting us
to the circus.
Cesar from
Dublin, Texas**



**Dear Mr Pound
Did you like Madison
and the circus?
I like the 10 year Chris
PS Look at the back and
thank you. PSSS
Did you like the circus
performers? I double did.
Love, Mark**



**Thank you for inviting us
to the circus.
We had lots of fun.
The tigers scared me
but I liked them.
Your friend
Becca**