The Lighthouse at Seventy

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018
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From the Chairman of the Board of Directors

Thank you for your support of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. In March, 2019, we celebrate our 70th anniversary. We’ve come a long way since 1949 when Tom Bingham, the first executive director, started the Georgia Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. with $3,000 invested by the Atlanta, Moultrie, and Albany Lions Clubs. I think it is worth reflecting on the roads we’ve travelled since then.

Over time, The Lighthouse has grown by leaps and bounds, especially during the last 15 years. We began as a service project of the Lions Clubs of Georgia by helping our first patient, four-year old Max Parker. Today, more than 25,000 people annually are helped by The Lighthouse. Whether providing a school vision screening, a new pair of glasses, a hearing aid or a sight-saving vision surgery, the staff and volunteers of The Lighthouse have been a quiet force in caring for the citizens in Georgia.

When we issued last year’s annual report, there were many, many unknowns facing us. We had a new executive director who was charged with assembling a new leadership team and establishing a new vision for our future. We were coming out of a major restructuring and, candidly, were experiencing a bit of an identity crisis.

That is not The Lighthouse of today. There is a new energy, enthusiasm, and passion that characterizes the men and women of The Lighthouse. Beginning with a new strategic plan in January, we set off together on a new path to expand, grow and professionalize the organization.

Lion Ollie Reeves was the first chairman of the board of directors in 1949. I sometimes wonder if he could envision The Lighthouse of today. As I look ahead 30 years to our 100th anniversary, I am confident that we are not only building on the legacy of those early founders; I am also confident that we are laying the foundation for continued, sound growth. I believe that in 2048, when some future executive director and board chair sit down to compose their annual report, they will look back at 2018 as the year when we renewed our mission, vision, and energy for the future.

For those of you who support The Lighthouse through your donations, volunteer hours, work or partnership, thank you. The Lighthouse is a coalition of people who care, who have the drive and vision to make things better. And, for those of you who are just learning about us, join us! We help people navigate their world.

Tim Dunn
Chairman of the Board of Directors
October, 2018
From the Executive Director

When I sat down last year to write my letter for the annual report, I had barely completed two weeks on the job. As I now approach my one-year anniversary I can tell you that the past year has been one of the most challenging and fulfilling of my professional life. The privilege to lead the men and women of The Lighthouse is not one I take lightly. So, in my letter this year, I'd like to discuss the new strategic plan we adopted in January, 2018; recap our operations; and thank everyone who has made our future possible.

In January, 2018, the staff and board of The Lighthouse came together to craft a new 3-5 year strategic plan. It was the right time to discuss who we are currently, define where we want to go, and to lay out a path to get there. As part of our work, we conducted an environmental scan of other organizations in the vision and hearing space to understand where we are similar and where we are unique. While there are other vision and hearing resources for the uninsured or low-income population in Georgia, only The Lighthouse (a) serves all ages; (b) provides both vision and hearing services; (c) is mobile; and (d) is truly a one-stop shop for vision and hearing services from infancy onward (i.e., we can take patients all the way from a vision or hearing screening to a new pair of glasses or hearing aid). Several organizations provide one or two pieces of the process, but The Lighthouse provides the whole picture.

What distinguishes us is the continuum of care, provided locally. If this model works in Georgia, it can work elsewhere. However, we currently only serve 0.7% of the estimated need in Georgia. Before we look at growing The Lighthouse to other states, we need to be able to demonstrate that we have a scalable system and can support 1-5% of the state’s need. That’s a range of between 10,000 & 50,000 people. Reaching that number is our goal for the next 3-5 years.

We have laid out four overarching “pillars” as a framework for what we do and how.

- **Our Programs**: We remove the barriers to quality vision and hearing health care for low-income individuals and families.
- **Our Network**: We provide connections between our medical partners, volunteers and the communities that we serve that are productive and beneficial for all.
- **Our People**: We strive to be a great place for people to work, to learn, and to grow.
- **Our Governance**: We prioritize being a robust, disciplined, ethical and well-run organization.

Using these four pillars, we then set goals and objectives for our four programs. Our overarching goals for The Lighthouse programs are as follows:
• **Vision Clinics**: Grow to 10,000 patients served by the end of FY21, with remote operations located around the state that ensure two-hour access to all markets.

• **Vision Surgery Program**: Secure the existing footprint of the surgery program and lay the groundwork to expand it by 15-25% by 2021.

• **Hearing Program**: Grow to and beyond the current Public Service Commission (PSC) maximum guaranteed patient stream.

• **Recycling Center**: Support medical missions around the world, and (perhaps) find a way to monetize the program.

For our network, we have set a goal to build deeper relationships with our service providers and partners. Organizationally, our goals are to build job performance and a collaborative culture across the organization, and to make service an attractive option for valuable, high-impact board members and volunteers. We also set goals for our leadership to ensure that we are doing things right and doing the right things, and to guarantee our future by ensuring that we are always viable, sustainable and growth oriented.

So, the logical question is: 10 months later, how are we doing? The answer is that we are making progress. We are a much better run organization than we were a year ago. Many of our back-office processes were characterized by ad hoc procedures and single points of failure, particularly in finance and fundraising. These have been remedied. More importantly, we have made great progress in building a collaborative culture that can carry us well into the future. Because we are focused tightly on what we do and have a history of avoiding mission creep, we have found that donors, partners and volunteers have rallied to the new strategic plan.

As an example of this support, The Lighthouse currently operates mobile clinics from our Atlanta headquarters that visit 22 sites throughout Georgia. At each clinic, qualifying individuals can receive a fully dilated eye exam and one pair of eyeglasses, which are produced in our facility. The clinics allow our Clinic Managers and partner doctors to diagnose and treat serious eye conditions before the client experiences permanent vision loss. Patients can also receive follow-up care for chronic eye conditions, such as glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy.

In the new strategic plan, we included an expansion of the Vision Clinic program to better address the estimated need of 1.2 million Georgians by creating three satellite locations. The organization estimates that, with investments in mobile clinic infrastructure and personnel, The Lighthouse can expand the potential reach of its vision clinic program from 5,300 patients served in Fiscal Year 2017 to 6,700 in Fiscal Year 2019, a 30% increase. The satellites are planned for Savannah, Columbus and Valdosta, allowing us to increase both the number and frequency of vision clinic events in the southern half of the state.
In support of The Lighthouse’s plans to open a satellite office in Savannah, the Friedman Family Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta has pledged $52,600 in challenge-grant monies to underwrite all capital costs associated with the expansion. This generous gift comes with the understanding that funds will be awarded upon The Lighthouse’s successful fundraising of the additional ~$100,000 required for a year of Savannah-based clinic operations.

Noah Levine, a spokesperson for the Friedman family, expressed enthusiasm for The Lighthouse’s expansion and said, “We’re very excited at the prospect of a permanent Lighthouse office in Savannah, where the need for affordable vision care is great.”

Our goal is to begin operations in Savannah in February, 2019.

Our operating results for FY18 reflect a successful restructuring that necessitated some shrinkage of programs in order to prevent financial losses, strengthen our network of clinic partners and professionalize our back-office procedures. We finished the year in the black (by no means a given when I stepped into my role) thanks in large part to both a stringent cost discipline and some herculean fundraising efforts on the part of our development staff.

An astute reader will note that the number of vision clinic events and patients served declined by a little more than 15% this past year. This also resulted in a corresponding reduction in vision surgery patients since a significant portion are referred from the vision clinics. This was the result of a deliberate restructuring of our partner network. An informal audit conducted in mid-2017 led to concerns that, because not every partner clinic had the same intake standards, patients who would not normally qualify were being admitted to our program. Over the course of the first six months of 2018, we tightened our intake standards and our requirements for referrals from our partner clinics to ensure that we were serving the patients most in need of our services. We view this decline as temporary, and are now adding new partner clinics to our service network with admitting standards comparable to our own.

This year, we signed a new, more comprehensive agreement with the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) to provide hearing aids to patients across the state. Thanks to the generosity of the PSC, we are funded to provide hearing aids to up to 1,000 adults and up to 120 children. As part of the new relationship, we launched Sound Waves™ Pediatric Hearing Program. We’re proud to serve Georgia kids and provide them with the hearing aid devices and audiology services they need to thrive and excel. From birth up to 19 years, we help Georgia’s kids hear, regardless of their family’s ability to pay. We are still in the brand building phase for Sound Waves. If you’re a Georgia resident whose child has hearing loss, or you know someone whose child needs us, get in touch! Information is at our new website, https://www.soundwavesgeorgia.com/.
are grateful to the members of the PSC for their ongoing support of this effort.

Our recycling program continues to support medical missions worldwide. Thanks to our partners in the Lions Clubs of Georgia, over the past year we collected nearly 120,000 pairs of glasses and were able to support missions to 24 countries with 62,016 pairs – a new record for us.

An operation like The Lighthouse is dependent on the work of so many people, it is impossible to thank all of them in one place (although we will try to acknowledge everyone). I am certainly grateful to the board of directors and staff of The Lighthouse for rallying to the new strategic plan, and for the dedication and enthusiasm which they have brought to the last year. So many organizations have supported our new mission, especially the Dobbs Foundation, which completed our capital campaign to overhaul the vision laboratory; the Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation, which has underwritten a significant expansion of our clinic footprint; and, of course, the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Inc. which has generously supported the work of The Lighthouse for more than 50 years. We are also grateful to the Georgia Public Service Commission, The Friedman Family Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, and the Georgia Charitable Care Network for their support, as well as the individuals and organizations listed beginning on Page 12. And, of course, we thank our partner audiologists, optometrists and ophthalmologists who make all of our work possible.

In March 2019, as we celebrate our 70th anniversary, we will do so as a renewed organization, moving forward with ambitious new plans and a vision for a bright future, illuminated by The Lighthouse.

David M. Paule
Executive Director
**Lighthouse Strategic Goals 2018 - 2021**

**Vision Clinics:** Grow to 10,000 served by the end of FY21, with remote operations located around the state that ensure 2-hour access to all markets.

**Vision Surgery:** Secure the existing footprint of the surgery program and lay the foundation to expand it by 15-25% by 2021.

**Hearing Clinics:** To grow to, and beyond, the current Public Service Commission (PSC) maximum guaranteed patient stream.

**Recycling Center:** Support medical missions around the world, and (perhaps) find ways to monetize the program.

**Programmatic Goals & Objectives 2018 - 2021**

**Vision Clinics:** Grow to 10,000 served by the end of FY21, with remote operations located around the state with 2-hour access to all markets.

- **Objective 1:** Fund and complete the upgrade of the optics lab already under way.
- **Objective 2:** Find and fund a part-time or full-time optometrist to support expansions of mobile clinics in Athens, Rome, and Macon. This is an interim step to eventually creating a Medical Director role (e.g., Fully licensed ophthalmologist). The optometrist will work out of the ATL HQ but travel 2-3 days a week.
- **Objective 3:** Fund mobile clinic expansion, including required personal additions in the lab. First Objective: Lighthouse Savannah. Second, southwest Georgia (Lighthouse Valdosta? Lighthouse Columbus?).
- **Objective 4:** Investigate, and potentially implement, a Medicare/Medicaid billable practice to diversify revenue and partially fund medical expenses.

**Vision Surgery Program:** Secure the existing footprint of the surgery program and lay the foundation to expand it by 15-25% by 2021.

- **Objective 1:** Diversify funding sources to enable growth, ideally by endowing the existing program at its current footprint. Cost: $4 Million.
- **Objective 2:** Diversify and grow the population served.

**Hearing Clinics:** Grow to and beyond the current Public Service Commission (PSC) maximum guaranteed patient stream.

- **Objective 1:** Hit the PSC contractual guarantee for service level every year.
- **Objective 2:** Find and fund growth beyond the PSC service level, and for patients that may be outside the funding structure. (Especially pediatric patients.)
- **Objective 3:** Explore the creation of a supplemental, retail service model (and associated earned revenue stream) with ancillary products.
- **Objective 4:** Evaluate (and if practical, implement) an enhanced, expanded hearing screening program similar to the vision screening program.

**Recycling Center:** Support medical missions around the world, and (perhaps) find a way to monetize the program.

- **Objective 1:** Explore, develop, and strengthen the relationship with MAP International with an eye towards enhancing revenue opportunities.
- **Objective 2:** Build a more robust funding model for the recycling center.
A New Look for a New Future

One might say that supporting The Lighthouse has been my family’s business for most of my life. My father, George Crumbley, so believed in the work of The Lighthouse that he dedicated much of his career to building The Peach Bowl to ensure its ongoing future. He was proud to be part of the organization, and I am proud to follow him on The Lighthouse board.

While many people know of my father from his Peach Bowl days, not many know of his other career. In 1962, he formed Crumbley & Associates, a full-service advertising agency, where he served as president until selling the company to me in 1986. During his advertising career, he served as president of the International Federation of Advertising Agencies and also received the Distinguished Public Relations Award from the Public Relations Society of America’s Georgia Chapter. Dad knew that a great brand is more than a great logo: it’s a portfolio of great experiences and values for the people who associate with it. He also knew that, without a great logo that is simple, clear and easily recognized, a great brand won’t be remembered.

One of the core values that all of us associate with The Lighthouse is courage: we are willing to take risks and act innovatively. As technologies and times have changed, The Lighthouse has rapidly adapted to leverage them to solve problems and build this institution to better serve the needs of Georgia’s citizens. We also value communication that is open, honest, candid and direct. So, when Dave Paule was interviewed by the board of directors and observed that we have a branding problem, we responded: “We know. Fix it.”

Our branding challenge is twofold. First, for an organization that is 70 years old and that serves as many people as we do, very few people know who we are, especially outside of the Lions Clubs. More importantly, even for those people who do know of us, their brand comprehension of all that we do is extremely limited.

That’s not surprising. Between 1949 and 1961, the organization changed its name four times. However, when you look at the original founding documents, the intention was always that the organization would do business as The Lighthouse. In fact, for all practical purposes, that’s what we’ve all called it.
Over the course of the next year, the organization will undergo a branding and identity transformation to better position us for the future. The name for The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc., will be retained, but the organization will begin doing business as The Lighthouse. We will also adopt a new, more contemporary brand logo that improves speed of recognition and strengthens our identity. The “Lighthouse-L” becomes both a standalone brand icon, as well as a visual connection and homage to the L in the Lions’ logo.

All of us who worked on this new logo believe it is the look and feel we need to carry us forward. The future of The Lighthouse is bright and bold, and we must look at ourselves in the same way.

Thank you for supporting us!

Cheryl Crumbley Lee
**THE LIGHTHOUSE AT SEVENTY**

**FY18 Lighthouse Impact Statement**

**Lighthouse Impact (Services)**

- Hearing Aids: 1421
- Surgical Procedures: 577
- Framelit Services: 780
- Patient Examinations: 1677
- Patient Eyeglasses: 2449
- Vision Screenings: 22421

**Glasses were taken to the following countries:**

- Nigeria
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Uganda
- Haiti
- Costa Rica
- Nicaragua
- Peru
- Columbia
- Mexico
- Indonesia
- South Africa
- Lesotho
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Dominican Republic

Additionally, we recycled **103,000** pairs of eyeglasses, **1,850** cell phones, and **1,200** Hearing aids.

**The Lighthouse Recycling Center FY18 Impact**

62,016 recycled eyeglasses were provided for mission groups and medical teams in FY18. This is a new record for the Recycle Center. Glasses were taken to the following countries:

- Nigeria, Honduras, Jamaica, Uganda, Haiti, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru, Columbia, Mexico, Indonesia, South Africa, Lesotho, Guatemala, Israel, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Ghana, Cameroon, Mexico, Philippines, Thailand, Dominican Republic.

Additionally, we recycled **103,000** pairs of eyeglasses, **1,850** cell phones, and **1,200** Hearing aids.
Annual Fund Support

Annual Fund 2018

$10,000 +
Ron & Vicki Canakaris Foundation

Marilynn & Richard Smith

$2,500 +
Henry and Suzanne Croci
Tim Dunn
David Garner
Vance and Susan Garrison
John and Dianne Lucht
David Paule and Gary Mann
Edward Ressler
John and Trudy Rudert

$1,000 +
Kevin and Cathy Butler

Kathleen and Cannon Carr
Grace Clower
J.C. Coefield
Michelle Davidson
Hannah Flynn
Charles and Nancy Henderson
Robert and Sherry Henry
Chip Kelley
Donna Looper
Barbara and George Mann
Jill Maull
Patricia McCullen
Linda Nalley
Ruthy and Donald Stephens

Norman Slawsky and Marcia Abrams

$500 +
Laura and Montague Boyd
Katherine Bradley
Vicki Hubbard
Frank Keats
Charles Keown
Dan and Cheryl Lee
Bob Muscala
Marty Myers
Jack and Karen Pigott
David Poole
Thomas Williams
Daniel Yarbrough

Celebrating 50 Years of the Peach Bowl

The Peach Bowl was created in 1968 as a fundraiser by Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation supporter George Crumbley, whose goal was to secure ongoing funding for the Lighthouse. It was America’s first-ever charity bowl and, thanks in large part to Mr. Crumbley’s efforts and the Peach Bowl’s ongoing support for 50 years, today the Lighthouse serves families in all of Georgia’s 159 counties.

In October, 2017, we decided to say “Thank You” to the Peach Bowl with a 50th anniversary celebration. The event was held on October 24, 2017 at the College Football Hall of Fame. The celebration included a great opportunity for guests to meet football stars such as Kevin Butler, Vince Dooley, Warrick Dunn and many others. The auction, raffle, video highlights and the Hall of Fame tour provided a night to remember. The storytelling included the background of The Lighthouse and the evolution of the Peach Bowl throughout the years. The Lighthouse Beacon of Hope Award was handed out along with other gifts for those who were recognized.

The event not only honored the college football heroes, but also the everyday heroes - doctors, volunteers and Lighthouse supporters - who have helped give the gift of sight and sound to thousands.
Peach Bowl 50th Anniversary Celebration
October 24, 2017

Navigate!
May 3, 2018
THE LIGHTHOUSE AT SEVENTY

General Support
John Addison
James Akins
Willie Alexander
Cheryl Amson
Marcia Anderson-Esson
Phillip Arrington
Herman and Margaret Ayers
Mary Ann Barbieri
Kenneth Barry
Patrice Barry
Gerald Bartels
Gerald Becham
Caprice Bellamy
Charles Bentley
Jason Blair
Marla Blair
Allen Bowers
Kathy Bradley
Joel Brodrick
Gil Broussard
Lindon and Betty Bryant
Thelma Cagle
Sandra Causey
Timothy Chisholm
April Colburn
Johnnie Collier
Randall and Carolyn Collins
Lamar Cornwell
David Crawford
Kip Creel and James Jones
Jeff Crowder
Sarah Carolyn Crumbley
Leonard Cutuli
Emily Daniel
Rhonda and Robert Daniel
Allan Decker
Fanniel Demarks
Patti DonMoyer
John and Debra Duckworth
David Duke
Samuel Elliott
Larry Ellis
Irina Escalante-Chernova
Elizabeth and Roy Fair
Charlene Fang
Peri Finch
Dimple Forrest
Roger Fortner
Grover Garrett
Wes Gifford
Christopher Godwin
James and Sandra Gosney
Lucy Ann Gossett
John and Connie Graham
Joseph Griffin
Shirley and Thomas Gurley
Paul Halloran
Holly Hanchey
Claude Harman
Allen Harris
Dewey Hayes
David Hemmings, M.D.
William Heron

Sound Waves
Any parent who has a child affected by hearing loss knows the staggering expenses that can come with it. Affecting nearly 2 in every 1,000 babies born each year, congenital hearing loss is one of the most common birth defects today. And, due to illness, injury, infection, and other causes, more children lose their hearing later in their life. With the high cost of pediatric hearing aids, many families who lack insurance may not be able to cover the expense for their child.

The Sound Waves Pediatric Hearing Aid Program was created by the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in the belief that no child should be denied hearing aids due to the inability to pay. Through funding from the telephone relay service (TRS) fund granted by the Georgia Public Service Commission, children from birth to 19 years old who are uninsured may be provided hearing aids at very low cost.

To learn more, visit us at soundwavesgeorgia.com
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Derek Wilson

Jon Winters
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**Lions Club Support**

$10,000 +
Ellijay Lions Club

South Cobb Lions Club

$2,500 +
Baxley Lions Club
Buckhead Lions Club
Columbus Lions Club
Cordele Lions Club
Covington Lions Club
Dalton Lions Club
Douglas Lions Club
East Cobb Lions Club
Oconee Lions Club
Snellville Lions Club
Toccoa Lions Club

$1,000 +
Adairsville Lions Club
Alpharetta Lions Club
Ball Ground Lions Club
Bulloch Lions Club
Byron Lions Club
Calvary Lions Club
Canton Lions Club
Centerville Lions Club
Chatsworth Lions Club
Conyers Lions Club
Dahlonega Lions Club

Dawsonville Lions Club
East Dublin Lions Club
Forsyth County Lions Club
Greenville Lions Club
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Moultrie Lions Club
National Hills Lions Club
North Cobb Lions Club
Pike County Lions Club
Roswell Lions Club
Rome Lions Club

Sandy Springs Perimeter Club
Savannah Lions Club
Sylvania Lions Club
Thomaston Lions Club
Towns County Lions Club
Union County Lions Club
Vidalia Lions Club
Walnut Grove Lions Club
Woodbine Lions Club

$500 +
Abbeville Lions Club
Alma Lions Club
Augusta Lions Club

**The Luminary Society**

The Luminary Society was created to honor the individuals dedicated to bringing low-cost vision and hearing care to those who are uninsured and underinsured.

The Society recognizes those donors who contribute over $1,000 each year to the Annual Fund (exclusive of sponsorships).

In FY18, Luminary Society members contributed $55,000, which funded 18 weeks of mobile clinic operations.

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Institutional Support

$100,000+
- Virginia and Matt Reese Trust
- Estate of Mary Hughes Whitehurst
- R. Howard Dobbs, Jr. Foundation
- Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation

$50,000+
- Estate of Raymond Lloyd
- Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

$10,000+
- Friedman Family Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta
- United Way of Greater Atlanta - Community Impact Grant
- The Home Depot
- The Coca-Cola Foundation
- Albert Steiner Charitable Fund
- Mary Touchstone Estate

$2,500+
- Blue Cat Productions, LLC
- Miller Zell Inc.
- Carlyle Fraser Employees Benefit Fund
- Chick-fil-A Foundation
- United Way of Greater Atlanta, Inc. - CFC
- Estate of Marian Kimsey
- Oscar and Margaret Battle Estate
- Merrill Lynch
- Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Northside Hospital

$1,000+
- Ivy and Roses Community Fund, Inc.
- Florida Retina Institute
- Atlanta Magazine
- Mansfield Oil
- Susan Battle Estate
- United Distributors, Inc.
- Smith & Howard
- Eye Surgery Center of Augusta
- Habersham EMC Foundation Inc.

$500+
- Georgia Power Company
- Network For Good
- Oticon

General Support
- Unitron
- Atlanta Takedown Association
- Fannin County Republican Party
- Kroger Community Rewards
- DeKalb School Employees Foundation
- M3 Moore Insurance Agency
- Lance Law Firm PC
- Gainesville First United Methodist Church
- Arms of Care International Inc.
- Florence Lawrence Trust
- Hemphill Vinyl Siding, Inc.
- Brasstown Professional Pharmacy

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Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Inc

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<td><strong>$21,644,329</strong></td>
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| Total Liabilities & Net Assets             | **$21,981,076** | **$22,079,888** |

Revenues

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Audited financial reports are available at our website, lighthousegeorgia.org.
Thank You!

The Lighthouse Wishes to Thank These Organizations for Their Important and Ongoing Support of Our Mission!

The Georgia Hearing Aid Distribution Program, enacted by the Georgia Legislature, and administered through the **Georgia Public Service Commission** (PSC) provides hearing aids to Georgians, subject to eligibility requirements. The Commission has contracted with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, a nonprofit organization that has provided hearing aids to low-income Georgians for over 30 years.

Thanks to the generosity and support of the PSC, each year 1,000 adults and 120 children have access to hearing aids that they would not otherwise be able to afford. For detailed information on the program, contact the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation through at [www.lighthousegeorgia.org](http://www.lighthousegeorgia.org) or call 404-325-3630 or 800-718-7483 outside metro Atlanta.

In February, 2018, [The Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation](http://www.georgiabaptisthealth.org) awarded a $100,000 vision services grant to The Lighthouse to support our efforts to serve some of Georgia's most isolated communities. Twenty sites throughout the state have been selected for the vision services expansion. All are high poverty, rural areas without a free or charitable clinic, a Federally Qualified Health Center or a local resource that offers vision service assistance. We are grateful for their support of our work and their investment in helping Georgians.

**R. Howard Dobbs, Jr. Foundation**

In late April, The Lighthouse was notified that the [R. Howard Dobbs, Jr. Foundation](http://www.rodobbsfoundation.org) approved a grant of $100,000 to support the purchase of two new lens edgers. Optical edgers are used to cut lenses to match the size and shape of eyeglass frames. The Lighthouse’s previous edgers, which cut an estimated 12,400 lenses per year, had been in service for more than seven years and were rapidly nearing the end of their lifespan.

Dobbs Foundation President David D. Weitnauer said, "We are pleased to award this grant to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in support of the purchase of two new edgers and look forward to following The Lighthouse’s continued progress."
Georgia Lions
Lighthouse Foundation