

2015 “Annual Report”



Dear Friends,

What an excellent year it has been, as Lighthouse Mission finishes out its 23rd year of serving the poor RIGHT HERE on Long Island!

From 10 bologna & cheese sandwiches to getting groceries in the hands of 109,000 people, Lighthouse Mission has grown so much over the years. And 2015 saw A LOT of growth: a new Mobile Food Outreach, our first ever “Shoes for Kids” Program, new opportunities for greater self-sustainability, and even a few people added to our staff are just a few of the things we’ve seen God accomplish through His Lighthouse Mission this year.

All this was made possible through your support. Whether you donated \$20 or \$20,000, you’ve been a part of our team this year. So it is my pleasure to send you this “Annual Report” as a way of sharing how your generosity helped to impact Long Island in 2015.

I hope you enjoy reading, and may God Bless You!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor James Ryan".

Pastor James Ryan, Th.D.
President

“The King will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)



Mobile Food Outreaches



Quick Facts

The Mobile Food Outreaches, where struggling Long Islanders can receive free groceries for their families, have been the backbone of our ministry for almost 25 years.

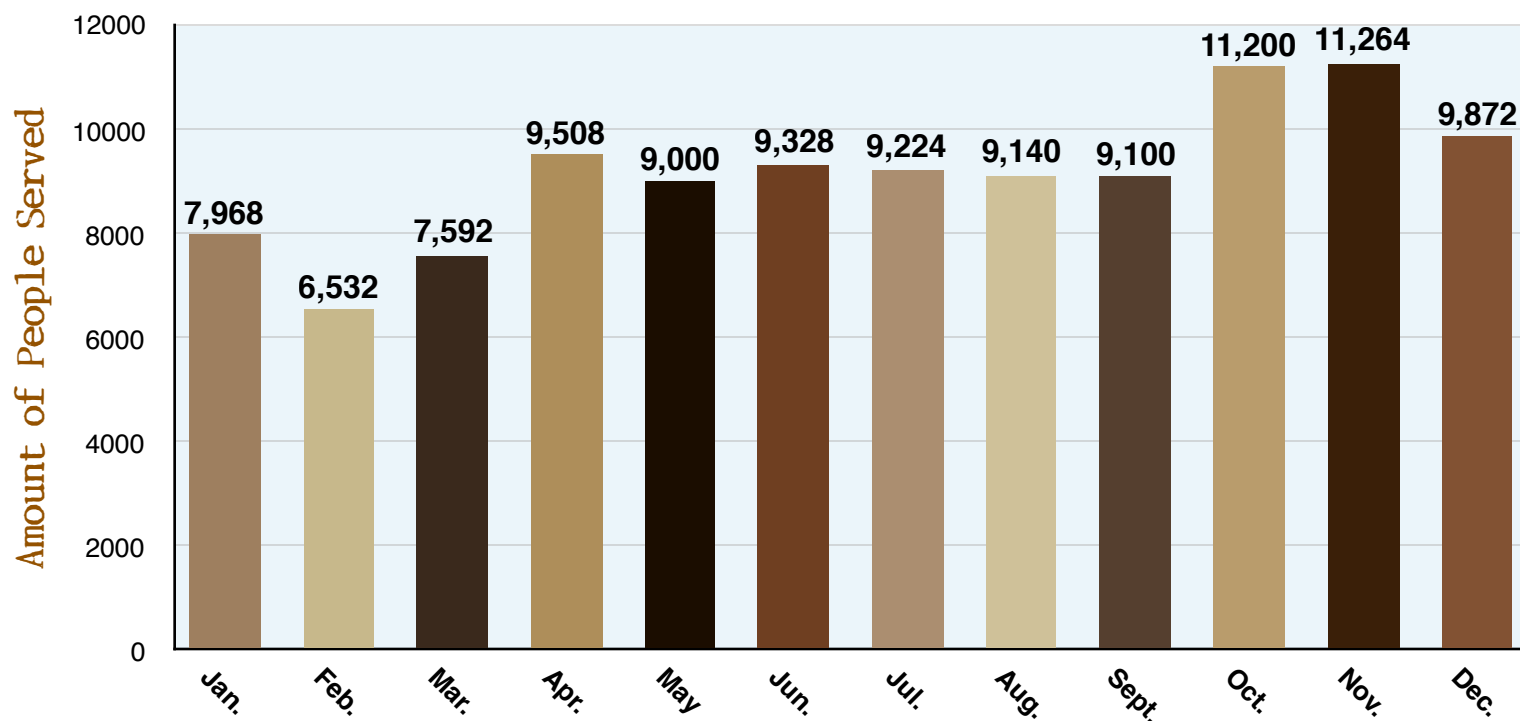
Each week, you can find a Lighthouse Mission truck filled with food in nine different communities across Suffolk County - as far west as Central Islip and as far east as Riverhead.

Volunteers from local churches and businesses join Lighthouse Mission staff in handing out donated food and caring for those on the line.

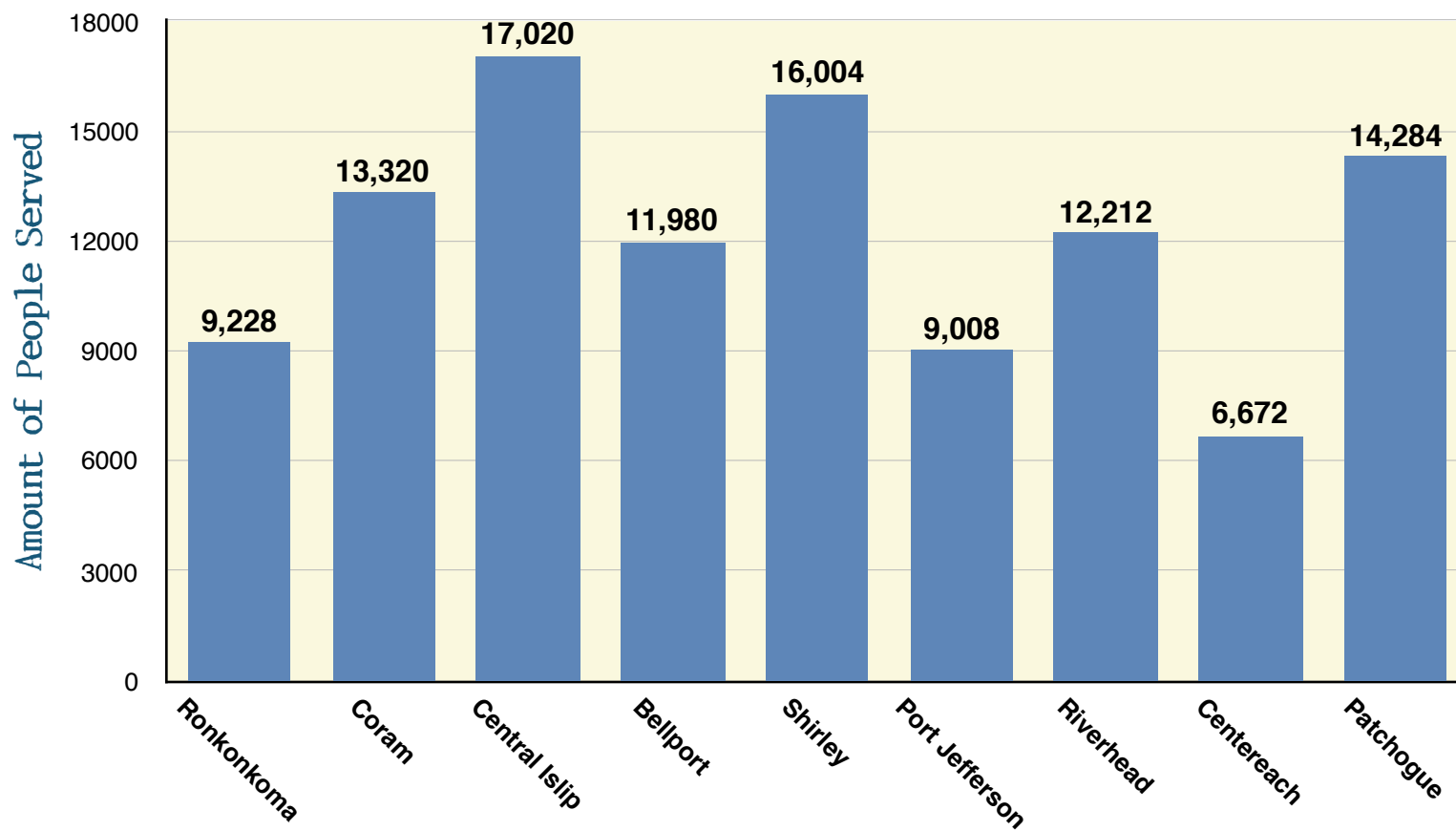
Rain, snow, or shine, the Lighthouse Mission truck will be there, because people don't stop being hungry when the weather is bad.

- **109,728 Long Islanders received food through our Mobile Food Outreaches**
- **1.3 million pounds of food distributed**
- **Summer Meals program for children attending outreaches with their parents**
- **9 Mobile Food Outreach locations**
- **Largest Outreach - Central Islip served more than 300 people each week**
- **NEW Centereach location, started in April - served 6,672 this year**
- **In spite of a very rough winter, we only canceled 3 outreaches due to heavy snow**

Outreach Attendance by Month



Attendance at Each Outreach Location (2015)



Teen Programs



Quick Facts

This year we refocused our after-school Teen programs around what has the biggest impact: one-on-one mentoring and small groups.

Though we still love to have fun, and offer FREE exciting activities such as mountain biking and kayaking over the course of the year, our end goal is life-transformation.

When Pastor Mike, who started the Teen Programs, returned early this year, he brought with him a greater desire to help the younger teenagers transition into Middle School and High School while making wise life choices.

We have also striven to teach the teens about community service, bringing some of the teens along on our Mobile Food Outreaches and requiring them to help in other parts of the community in preparation for free camp trips.

- **Our weekday after-school programs attended by 65 “at-risk” teens each week**
- **Reformatted Middle School Program to focus on smaller groups & transitioning from Kids’ Club**
- **Brought 20 teens to Winter Camp and 25 to Summer Camp in Upstate New York**
- **We hosted 15 of our teens for a “Summer Work Experience” program, where they worked alongside us the whole summer & earned a paycheck**

Kids' Club



Quick Facts

Lighthouse Mission's Kids Club is a Saturday morning program for underprivileged children. Many of the children who attend this program come from the local homeless shelter, where they live with their families.

Other children come from across the Town of Brookhaven, and especially the North Bellport community in which we are located.

We recently learned from a local Elementary School Principal that 54% of students in his school qualify for free lunch because their parents do not make enough money to provide food for their kids.

Through the Kids Club, Lighthouse Mission is serving local children in poverty, providing them with a fun & safe program environment, and a free hot meal too!

- **An average of 63 children, grades K-5, attended each of our Saturday "Kids' Club" programs in 2015**
- **Special Guests: Erik's Reptile Adventures and Katie's Puppets**
- **4 "Summer Play-Dates" added to our regular meeting schedule**
- **We have started to explore healthier meal options for the children who attend the program**

Annual Programs



Quick Facts

Beyond our normal programs, Lighthouse Mission has had the pleasure of hosting several “annual programs” in coordination with other groups in the community.

We traditionally have partnered with social workers at the South Country School District to collect school supplies for children in need, and run our yearly Christmas program for families in need in the district.

This year we added a new program, refined some of our existing programs, and participated in more community events across the Town of Brookhaven.

It’s all a part of serving the community in unique ways and meeting the need for the many in our area who struggle to get by.

- **Our NEW “Shoes for Kids” Program brought free pairs of sneakers to children in local homeless shelters & Head Starts**
- **We distributed 1,204 Turkeys during Thanksgiving Week**
- **620 children received gifts at our annual Christmas Gift-giving program, coordinated with Kreamer Street School**
- **We also helped 3 local churches with their gift-giving programs**
- **For the first time, we participated in Patchogue’s 4th of July Parade**

The Lighthouse Mission Team



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President & Senior Pastor



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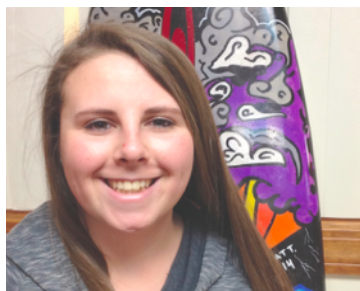
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Miscellany

Financial Accountability

Did you know that Lighthouse Mission is certified as a Gold-level non-profit for financial transparency by GuideStar.org? We've made our most recent audits, 990s and other information available there for free.



Online Donations

Donating to Lighthouse Mission online is now even easier, as we have integrated more ways to show support, including a custom PayPal.me page and a way to donate directly through Facebook!



Donation Cards Now Available

Lighthouse Mission has been pursuing new ways of funding! We now offer "Donation Cards" on our website for those who wish to make a gift in another's name.



Miscellany Continued

New (Used) Vehicles

Lighthouse Mission was pleased to add several vehicles to our fleet this year, including a **Refrigerated Box Truck** and a **donated 12-passenger Van** to help even more children attend our youth programs.



New Domain Names

In order to increase our online presence, we recently acquired both the **.com** and **.org** domains for **LighthouseMission**. As a result, we now own all three major domain names and direct them to our website.



Newsletters

We have increased the mailing frequency of our **Newsletters**, now providing quarterly letters and special event updates for our regular donors to see how their support is being used.



Follow Us Online!

Lighthouse Mission posts daily updates on **Facebook**! Join the **5,200+** people who follow us there to see updates about all of our programs and pressing needs. Or, you can visit us at **www.LighthouseMission.com**



Plans for 2016

A New Facility

With a warehouse too small to accept all food donations and growing youth programs, Lighthouse Mission is in need of a new facility.

We are hoping to acquire a 40,000 square foot warehousing facility located on Route 101 (Sills Road) in East Patchogue. This facility would provide room for us to continue to grow and opportunities for greater self-sustainability without having to leave the communities we have served for nearly 25 years.



Lighthouse Community Home

We are also coordinating with some property owners and the local government to acquire a house within the troubled North Bellport community through which we hope to have an even greater presence in the community.

This house would also be used to host groups from churches and missions organizations who travel to Long Island to help serve our neighbors in need.



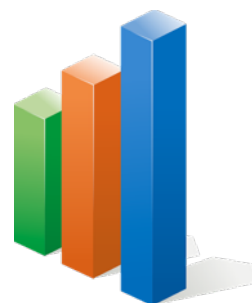
Website Re-design

Using a web design platform, we developed a fun website in 2014. This year, we plan to streamline our website so that it will work better with mobile devices and develop a mobile phone app to provide easier access to services for those in need.



Expanded Youth & Outreach Programs

2015 was a great year for all of our programs, and we expect more growth in each of these. We anticipate working with a greater number of children through our Youth Development Programs and are contemplating adding an additional Mobile Food Outreach location.



Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to read through this “Annual Report”. What you have read about in the preceding pages was made possible through YOUR generous donations. From the moment that the first sandwich was handed out, Lighthouse Mission has been a team effort, and we are truly thankful to be able to consider you a part of our team.

2016 looks to be another exciting year, and we are looking forward to all that God has planned for it. Big things are on the horizon as we draw close to our 25th year of operations.

We hope that you would please consider partnering with us again in 2016, so that we might be able to bring “Food for Today; Hope for Tomorrow” to all who turn to Lighthouse Mission for help this year.

God bless you!

FUN FACT:

Lighthouse Mission has distributed close to 4.4 million pounds of food to Suffolk County residents in need since moving into its North Bellport facility in 2010.

If you took this much weight in standard boxes of **Macaroni & Cheese** (which, of course, is not the only thing Lighthouse Mission gives out) and laid them length-wise next to each other in a straight line, you’d have **1,035.95 miles** of food!



THAT'S JUST SHORT OF THE DISTANCE FROM
THE MONTAUK LIGHTHOUSE TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI!