



Help In Stormy Times

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A Message From Our Executive Director

Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc. (GCLH) has been facilitating the Warm the Homeless campaign over the past several months. Totes have been placed at the Fresh-Air Market Pavilion, at the Oakland Town Parking Lot, containing adult coats, gloves, scarves, hats, and blankets. These items are available 24/7 for those in need. We have recently noted an increase in need, resulting in empty bins multiple times so far this year. Thanks to St. Paul's and numerous other generous donations, we have been able to restock items. Donations can be dropped off at GCLH Monday-Friday from 9am to 3 pm. We ask that items be new or lightly used and laundered. We look forward to continuing our efforts for the remainder of this winter season. Participation of any kind is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all that make this campaign possible.



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Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP)

Mums were donated to Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc. from Lowe's to decorate our entrance at our main building. Thank you for your donation! Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc. held a Halloween Trick-or-Treat for clients on November 9, 2020. The amount of COVID-19 cases in the county significantly increased right before Thanksgiving. Due to the increases, Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc. had to shut down PRP services once again. We ensured that we still delivered Thanksgiving meals to all clients who were interested. Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc bought a blanket and a small gift card for all PRP clients this Christmas.

PRP Client Accomplishments

- 1 client welcomed a new family member
- 1 client attended all their appointments
- 1 client graduated cosmetology school
- 1 client obtained gainful employment
- 1 client developed new coping skills and effectively utilized personal support system to overcome major stressors
- 1 client returned to his apartment after living at home for a year
- 1 client helped family move to a new home
- 1 client reached custody agreement for his children
- 1 client obtained housing
- 2 clients maintained employment
- 1 client worked through her son moving from the family farm
- 1 client went to the hospital when needed

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The Treasure Chest

The Treasure Chest had a very busy holiday sale during the month of November and despite the pandemic that closed Lighthouse once again in late fall, we opened the shop every Tuesday from Thanksgiving to Christmas week for shoppers to drop by and purchase last-minute holiday items for friends and family. We wish to thank the staff of Lighthouse for getting the word out that we were open for holiday shopping.

The pandemic placed limitations on The Treasure Chest from opening for sales from mid-April to the end of June and again in late November. All four of us, who volunteer in the shop responded at the first opportunity to reopen in early summer. We are ready to reopen at the soonest opportunity in 2021.

When we are given the go-ahead ,to reopen, we will have a Welcome Back Sale and we plan a Jewelry Sale just ahead of Mother's Day this year. The last time we had a jewelry sale, it was a resounding success.

Karen, Lisa, April and I want all of you to know how delighted we and grateful we are to be a part of the Garrett County Lighthouse Team and it is a privilege and pleasure to visit with our shoppers every Tuesday and help them make wise purchases for themselves, friends and their families.

Karen, Lisa, April and Melissa

Treasure Chest Shopkeepers



Client of the Quarter

Congratulations to Richard Fries for receiving the Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc. Client of the Quarter award! Richard was nominated by a staff member for being helpful and caring towards other clients. Richard was also recognized for working toward his goals. Thank you, Richard, for going above and beyond to support Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc.!

Residential Rehabilitation Program (RRP)

The Residential Rehabilitation Program houses received a fall cleaning and basic maintenance before the severe weather arrived. Almost all or 83% of the Residential Rehabilitation clients received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. Both Residential Rehabilitation Program staff members have received the first COVID-19 vaccination as well. All in all, both houses are operating at full potential during the pandemic.



Residential Crisis Services (RCS) & Respite Services (RPCS)

Both Residential Crisis houses have continued to stay open throughout the pandemic. Respite has been paused for the time being. Residential Crisis Services continue to help people obtain somatic and psychiatric care, as well as obtaining Medicaid and ID's. Some clients have been admitted into longer term treatment and some have transitioned into independent living. About 50% of Residential Crisis staff have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. Although the pandemic has kept clients from attending Mental Health IOP for most of the year, it has given us the ability to do IOP virtually for both Safe Harbor and Compass House.

Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Roxana Tasker, Behavioral Health Technician for receiving the Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc. Employee of the Quarter award. Roxana was nominated by two staff members for going above and beyond to provide excellent service and quality care. Roxana shows great compassion and assists our clients every day. Thank you, Roxana, for your hard work and dedication to Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc.!



On November 9, 2020 Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc staff and clients showed support for **#worldadoptionday** by drawing a smiley face on their palms.



Work Anniversaries

Allan Chadderton, BHT	12/2/2015	5 years
Cheryl Pettitt-Friend, BHT	12/13/2018	2 years
Brianna Ratliff, CM	10/21/2019	1 year
Lisa Rodeheaver, HRM	11/18/2019	1 year

New Hires

Marla Redman	Behavioral Health Technician	10/7/2020
Kelli Amoroso	Rehabilitation Coordinator	11/18/2020