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LightHouse Referrals Increase

Our referrals have expanded considerably as children and adults are being changed by The Lighthouse for New Hope's approach to grief. It is so rewarding to see doctors, pediatricians, school counselors, law enforcement departments, family courts, funeral homes, and churches making referrals.

Our best referrals always come from past participants that encourage someone they know to come into one of our groups. We even have past participants that come back and facilitate a group. They say they want to be a part of something that brings meaning to their loss. The Lighthouse for New Hope is making a difference in our community. Thank you for helping us to be there for them.

Lighthouse Bowl-A-Thon Committee Needs Volunteers

Come help us plan our next Annual Bowl-A-Thon

If you believe in what we are doing in our community we need you to help us have another successful Bowl-A-Thon.

Please call to volunteer

Courtney Kraft
972-226-3110

Thank you

LIGHTHOUSE FOR NEW HOPE PROVIDES ALL THEIR SERVICES
AT NO COST TO THE PARTICIPANTS
ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

"I can think of no other edifice constructed by man as altruistic as a lighthouse. They were built only to serve."
George Bernard Shaw

Note from Nancy
President

"We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

As we come to the start of the year I can only say thank you Lord for so many wonderful people who have crossed my path, who believe in what we are doing through the Lighthouse for New Hope and support us in so many ways.

At our annual Reunion Dinner in December, I was overwhelmed to see how many children and families that have benefited from our support groups come together. We broke bread together, we laughed, we cried and we remembered. I so enjoyed watching the joy on the children's faces. I realized that by touching a child or an adult with God's love when grief visits them is one of the most important gifts the Lighthouse for New Hope provides. We can never change what has happened to them, but we can help them along their journey to help them find joy and laughter again.

That is why the scripture above is so important to me, because without you we would not be able to continue to grow and expand. I pray a prayer of thanksgiving for each of you that supports us either through your financial gifts, your volunteer time, your presence in a group or your prayers.

The new groups are starting up for this spring and I am reminded that there will always be a need for the services that we provide and I am grateful for your continued support in the New Year. May God's blessing be with you always.



We Made the News!!!!

That is the Dallas Morning News on September 15th!!!!

Groups Meet on Tuesday & Thursday Nights

This fall **Mimosa Lane Baptist Church** in Mesquite has opened their doors for us to have support groups meet at their church site on Thursday nights. We have been able to double the number of people we are able to serve because of their generous support. We also want to thank **Our Savior Lutheran Church** in Mesquite for continuing to support us by not only sponsoring our Tuesday night groups but also through their financial support.

As we serve those that are grieving in our community we are so grateful for the partnership of these two churches.

Bowl-A-Thon Committee & Volunteers



V.I.P Mugs Successful



Cyndie Ewert and her Mom, **Andy Rodgers**, sold V.I.P mugs at the Bowl A Thon. We sold out before we even started bowling. Of course everyone who came to the event is a V.I.P. to the Lighthouse for New Hope

To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us – And He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love.

Thomas Merton

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATION

Grief support groups meet weekly
Call 972-226-3110 for enrollment.
We currently have support groups for ages 5 to 99

- Adult Death Loss Group
- Adults with Children Death Loss
- Adults with Children Divorce Loss
- Beach House – 12 to 18 yr. old (Death & Divorce Loss)
- Star Gazer- 12-13 yr old (Death & Divorce Loss)
- Sailboat Group – 9 to 11 yr. old (Death & Divorce Loss)
- Sandcastle Group – 5 to 8 yr. old (Death & Divorce Loss)

Call 972-226-3110

to Enroll in a Support Group

LightHouse Bowl-A-Thon

On September 22nd we had 125 bowlers gather at Showplace Lanes in Garland for a great time and a very successful fundraiser. We raised over \$11,000 to help support our program and add to our building fund. A great big thank you goes to all our Sponsors, volunteers, and event coordinator, **Courtney Kraft** for making this happen. We hope to see you there next year!



Top Bowler-
Manuel Chavez



Top Fundraiser-
Jayson Vandiver



Top Fundraising Team-
Strike Force Medco



Top Bowling Team-
Sugar Cubes



Winner of PS3 Player-
Brenda Bassett



Winner of raffle-TV
Jim Boxell



Winner of raffle-
computer monitor
Linda McPherson

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Thanks for Scoring a Strike for the LightHouse for New Hope



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CALL 972-226-3110 IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO SPEAK TO YOUR GROUP ABOUT CHILDREN'S AND ADULT'S GRIEF

Some Support Groups Snapshots



*"When we are confused by the world, we can gain a renewed feeling of security from seeing the light in the eyes of a happy, trusting child."
Harry Hepner*

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5th Annual Reunion Dinner

On December 11th we celebrated our 5th annual Reunion Dinner. This is when we invite back all the families and volunteers that have participated in our support groups. This year we had a record number of about 175 in attendance. We had some great barbeque from Baker's Ribs, and the children had a great time decorating ornaments. We had a traditional time of singing Christmas carols and the candlelight memorial service. It is such a special and memorable time together.

