



The Beacon

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The Purpose Behind Life Skills Training

Some of the best memories I have with my dad are the times when he brought me with him to work. Being a bi-vocational pastor, he often had small side jobs that supplemented his income to help provide for our family. Not only did I enjoy spending time with my dad, he instilled in me life-long skills as well as a good work ethic. These two things take aways have been so helpful and are appreciated to this day. In fact, I carried on the tradition with my own children and I received great joy in teaching them these lessons throughout that season of life as my kids were growing up.

Because of my Dad's example, I truly see the importance and value of work. God created us for work from the beginning. When everything was perfect, before the fall, God charged Adam with caring for the garden, and naming the animals. He and Eve worked together to care for what God had given them. Even after the fall God told Adam that he was still going to work, it just became more difficult since sin had entered the world. But, regardless of the difficulty, man has been commanded to work, and we are to work for the Lord, honoring Him in all we do.



In todays culture I continue to see the importance of work and the need to teach others the value of it. Many of the men we serve, who come through The Lighthouse, need to be taught a biblical perspective about the importance and value of work. This is why we do what is called, Life Skills Training. Several of our residents work at The Lighthouse Community Center or The Lighthouse Family Thrift Store for job training. Here, they come alongside our staff and learn not only how to work, but the importance and value of work. This helps prepare them for their future, after they graduate our program and independently return to the world. But the greatest part goes beyond job training. Our residents receive so much more! Life Skills Training not only teaches them the value of work, but also important life skills. Our guys learn how to dress appropriately and practice good hygiene. They learn to communicate and work with others.

They learn how to serve others and care for one another. They learn the importance of time management and stability. They learn new skills and trades. All of this happens in a safe environment, where the gospel is central to what we do. Our guys not only hear about Jesus in their classes, they hear about Him at work too. How awesome is that! They are learning to honor God through their work.

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Community Chapel Meal:
www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4CAEAB29A02-meal#/



Volunteer Form:
www.lhfw.org/contact-us/volunteer-application/



LHFW.org
Phone: 260-255-6413



I continue to be amazed at all God is doing in a through The Lighthouse. Lives are being changed and the work we are called to do is an honor! Will you join us? There are many ways for you to get involved too. I would love to talk to you about the many opportunities in person. Join me on a Friday night for Chapel or schedule a tour of our Community Center. I look forward to connecting.

God Bless - Dr. Brandon Bower



**Whatever you do,
work at it with all
your heart, as
working for the
Lord...**

Colossians 3:23



now hiring

The Lighthouse: A Place of Restoration

- Communication & Media
- Community Care Manager
- PRN Care Manager
- Care Manager

The Lighthouse Family Thrift Store

- Backroom Manager
- Pricer
- General Sales

*Please send a resume to info@lhfw.org.

*Must pass a drug screen and agree with The Lighthouse Statement of Faith.



THE LIGHTHOUSE TREASURES Our Volunteers

Annual Volunteer Dinner

Date & Time:

April 16th
6:00 p.m.

Location:

The Lighthouse
Community Center
3000 E. State Blvd.



For more information
call Isiah: 260-255-6413



Scan the QR code or
register online at:

lhfw.org/upcomingevents/volunteer-dinner/



volunteers NEEDED

Specialized Volunteer Needs:

1. Remove carpet in The Lighthouse Family Thrift Store changing room and replace with laminate.
2. Replace a bad light in the Thrift Store warehouse. (*Lift needed!)
3. Repair multiple sink faucets at The Lighthouse Community Center.
4. Paint a bathroom and kitchen at our Thrift Store. (*Please someone with good painting skills.)

If you have the required skills and can help us with any of these projects, please reach out to Brandon, bbower@lhfw.org

Thanks in advance!