

A Voice for the Mission



At Lighthouse Ministries, our mission to support families in Florence County is rooted in four Core Values: Compassion, Hope, Community, and Social Responsibility. These aren't just guiding principles for our programs—they are the heart behind everything we do.

The value that speaks to me most personally is compassion. Over the years, I've come to understand that while we may not be able to meet every financial need, we can always offer compassion. And often, that's what matters most.

For the individuals who walk through our doors, compassion can mean being listened to without judgment, being treated with dignity, and knowing someone truly cares. It's not always about providing immediate answers—it's about creating a moment of connection, trust, and respect.

We all have opportunities in our everyday lives to show compassion—whether it's through a listening ear, a kind word, or simply being present for someone who's struggling. That's the kind of care that strengthens families, builds community, and spreads hope.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this mission.

-Cecilia L. Meggs
Executive Director

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Your 2024 Impact!

Individuals Served: **2,834** Distributed in Direct Services: **\$312,915**



Basic Needs Program

856 Families



Working Mothers Education & Support Program

17 Families



Strengthening Families Program

25 Families



Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)

33 Families



Ramp Program

7 Families



First Friday Services Connect

531 Families

Volunteer of the Year

We are thrilled to celebrate Mrs. Mary Wallace as Lighthouse Ministries' 2025 Volunteer of the Year!

A retired French teacher with a heart for service, Mary has faithfully volunteered with us for the past 12 years. Since her retirement, she has devoted her time to conducting interviews for our Basic Needs Program, where she plays a vital role in listening to and supporting individuals in crisis.

When asked what keeps her coming back week after week, Mary shared that she finds joy in listening to people's stories and helping them identify a path forward. *"It's always rewarding when someone comes back to Lighthouse to let me know about the progress they've made and the goals they've achieved,"* she said.

Mary's compassion, consistency, and gentle encouragement make a lasting impact—not just on the clients she meets, but on the entire Lighthouse community. We are honored to recognize her faithful service and celebrate the difference she makes every day.

Thank you, Mary, for your unwavering dedication and for being a true light to our neighbors in need!



Mrs. Mary Wallace

Join Our Mission!



There's a place for everyone at Lighthouse Ministries!

Whether you have a few hours a week or just time for special events, we offer flexible volunteer opportunities to fit your schedule.

Join us in making a difference for our neighbors in need.



Interested in volunteering?
Contact us at (843) 629-0830 or visit
www.lighthouseflorence.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Greeting/Checking in Participants
- Pre-screening Interviews Via Phone
- Conducting Interviews
- Data Entry
- Working Mothers Education and Support Program
- Strengthening Families Program
- First Friday Services Connect
- Ramp Program
- Organizing Paper Product & Diaper Drives



UPCOMING EVENTS

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR

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To learn more about these giving options, contact us at (843) 629-0830.

A Time to Celebrate

This spring, Lighthouse Ministries proudly celebrated the graduation of families from two of our impactful programs—the Working Mothers Education and Support Program and the Strengthening Families Program.

These programs equip parents with the tools, knowledge, and encouragement they need to build stronger, more stable futures for their families. The Working Mothers Program focuses on goal-setting, personal development and parenting support for moms navigating the challenges of work and family life. Meanwhile, the Strengthening Families Program helps parents and children grow together through structured family learning and bonding experiences.

We are incredibly proud of each family that completed these programs. Their hard work, commitment and growth are an inspiration to all of us—and a testament to what's possible when families are supported by a caring community.

To see more from the graduation celebrations, visit our social media pages!



Where Compassion Meets Need: The Heart of Our Mission

After nearly 30 years in a steady managerial role, a 59-year-old mother began experiencing serious health issues that led to a stroke and the discovery of a brain tumor. While surgery removed most of the tumor, she had to step away from her job to focus on recovery.

Her two adult sons, whom she raised on her own, have been helping with expenses during this difficult time. Wanting to ease some of their financial burden, she turned to Lighthouse Ministries for support.

Thanks to donors like you, Lighthouse Ministries was able to provide financial assistance through our Basic Needs Program, offering relief, compassion, and dignity in a time of uncertainty.

She is deeply grateful, not just for the tangible support, but for the reminder that she's not alone. When illness changed her life, you helped carry the weight.

THANK YOU!

Because of your continued support—whether through time, resources, or encouragement—Lighthouse Ministries can carry out our mission to serve families in crisis with hope, help and lasting impact.

Thank you for being part of this important work.

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