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Vision Loss Education Center

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## November 2020 eNews



## Veterans Day is November 11

We honor all those who have served.

### PEEPERS is Now Online!

PEEPERS has been your trusted source for low vision items, until the pandemic temporarily closed our doors.

The store is now online! Check out the amazing items and order from home.



Visit Peepers Online: <http://LighthouseEducationCenter.org/about-peepers>

### Master Classes Begin Online

Lighthouse instructors have been putting our training courses online since March. What comes next? Master Classes, of course! These are geared to those who have completed Adjustment to Vision Loss and want to further develop their skills. Contact your instructor or case manager for information.

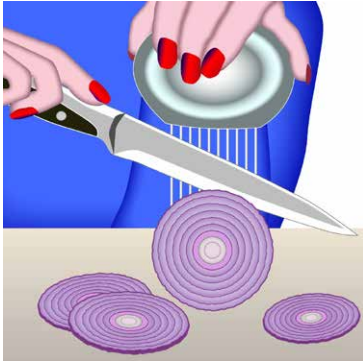


### Ready-Set-Go!

Ready-Set-Go is a way to think about personal safety and emergency preparedness. Maintaining your health and wellness (being Ready), organizing and planning your safety measures (Set), and being able to leave calmly and in a moment's notice because of your knowledge, advanced planning and readiness for any Emergency (Go).

## All Around the House

This course is designed to help the client maintain their living space whether an owner or renter, to review basic home maintenance tasks, how to troubleshoot when something is broken around the home, how to determine what repair is needed, if one is able to make that repair or whether to call in a professional. If a professional is needed, advice is given on how to find one.



## Kitchen Comprehensive

Kitchen Comprehensive is a course that will demonstrate adaptive tools and techniques designed to further promote confidence and skill for the visually impaired home cook.

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## Cheers to 35 Years! Brings Guests Together to Celebrate.

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, **Cheers to 35 Years!** had to go virtual. It wasn't the celebration that **Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center** envisioned when discussions began almost a year ago, but our 35th anniversary was held successfully on **Thursday, Oct. 22** with more than 30 people gathering virtually for one cause.

**Cheers to 35 Years!** was our very first (and hopefully last!) virtual "Fundraising" event that brought together donors, clients, board members, staff and other supporters for a fun evening. If you think switching to a virtual event slowed down the fun, it did not! Those who purchased tickets to the event received a hand-delivered gift bag that included a champagne split and personalized engraved **Cheers to 35 Years!** stemless wine glass.



The event began with a welcome from Board Chair, **Angela Abrams** and a champagne toast provided by **Phil Mancini and Michael Klauber, owners of Michael's on East**. Lighthouse trivia was provided to guests by staff member, **Maddy Spencer**. Our CEO, **Lisa Howard** narrated a historical overview of the Lighthouse's humble beginnings to where we are going in the future. Testimonials were offered from **Michael Griffin** and **James Auchter** while others chimed in on how the Lighthouse's programs and services offered them a new personal journey while living with vision loss. The event ended with an impromptu discussion afterwards.

**Cheers to 35 Years!** helped to sustain the legacy of Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center, an important community organization that has provided high-quality programs and services to those with vision loss at **NO COST**, since 1985. We also asked our guests to take action by joining the Sustainers Club, by providing a small monthly gift to the Lighthouse by going to <http://LighthouseEducationCenter.org/donate/monthly-giving/>.

Our success is also due to the generous contributions made by Presenting Sponsor, **David & Ann Cruikshank**; Lead Sponsor, **Aviva - A Campus for Senior Living** and Supporting Sponsors, **Kimberly Tocci, 5CK LLC, Venice Avenue Dermatology & Monica Walker MD, PA** and **Martin Rometsch & Wilhelmine Wiese Rometsch**.

Once again, thank you to everyone who made this event possible. And thank you to everyone who tuned in! It was such a great feeling to be able to bring our community together during these unprecedented times, and we could not have done it without you!

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## Plant Sale Planned in December



In December we are holding a garden and plant event. On **Saturday, December 5**, all children and teens are invited to attend and hear from a landscape architect and get their hands in a **worm box!** We will also be have the opportunity to take home some plants.

The following **Saturday, December 12**, we are hosting a **plant sale** at the Lighthouse staffed by kids who either:  
A. need volunteer hours, or  
B. are interested.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend the event and take home some beautiful plants. We will raffle off a water barrel and provide free sunglasses to those who participate (limited supply).

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## Bring a Smile to Your Holidays

Black Friday, the busiest shopping day of the year is coming soon, but with a difference. Most of the shopping this year will be online, including shipping gifts. If you sign up online with [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com), the company will donate a percentage of your sales to Lighthouse. It doesn't cost you a penny more, and the prices and shopping experience are the same.

Shop on your computer or tablet. On your phone, download the **AmazonSmile App** from the App Store or Google Play.

The first time you go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com), it will ask you to log in with your usual password, then choose a nonprofit to receive funds from your purchases. "**Lighthouse of Manasota dba Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center**," of course! After that, it will be there every time you order. Thank you!



[Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com)

## Insight Newsletter is Online

InSight, the printed newsletter from Lighthouse, came out in late October. If you didn't receive a copy, you can see it on our website.

**Scroll through it on the page, or view and download the accessible 6-page .pdf file.**

<https://LighthouseEducationCenter.org/insight-october-2020-news/>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday			
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	Martin Luther King Day						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	PEEPERS FOR YOUR LOW VISION NEEDS						
www.LighthouseEducationCenter.org							

## 2021 Peepers Giant Print Calendar is here!

A few things that make this calendar popular:

- Each month opens to 17 inches wide and 22 inches tall
- Bold numbers over an inch high
- Bold lines are easy to see
- Room for notes each day
- Heavy non-glare paper, most markers don't bleed through

A limited number of calendars are in stock, don't miss out!

**Order yours online at the Peepers Store**

Email [Peepers@LighthouseEducationCenter.org](mailto:Peepers@LighthouseEducationCenter.org)

or call 941-359-1404 to order today.



**All of us at Lighthouse are thankful for our entire extended family, and wish you all a joyous Thanksgiving.**

**OUR MISSION:** To educate and empower those affected by vision loss so they may enjoy happy, healthy and independent lives

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