

## 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**JULY 7**  
**LIGHTHOUSE RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE**  
9am - 5pm  
@ LightHouse Women and Children's Center

**SEPT. 9**  
**ANNUAL HOPE GALA**  
5pm - 8pm  
@ The DoubleTree  
by Hilton Hotel

**NOV. 4**  
**5K PATRIOT RUN**  
8am - 11am  
@ Gring's Mill  
Recreation Area

## RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

celebrating the opening of the  
**LightHouse Women & Children's Center**

**Friday, July 7, 2023**

Ribbon Cutting 9:00am  
Open House to follow until 5:00pm  
*Refreshments will be provided*



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**JUNE 2023**





# LightHouse Welcome Home Party

On May 22nd we celebrated the near completion of the LightHouse Women and Children's Center. Over 300 supporters sipped mocktails, bought raffle tickets for exciting prizes, nibbled hors d'oeuvres and had the opportunity to see the home of future guests. THANK YOU to our event sponsors and talented committee members for all their hard work in putting on this fabulous event, and thank you to everyone who attended!



## Staff Spotlight: Sheri Golembiewski



Sheri Golembiewski was hired in March to serve as the Volunteer Coordinator for Hope Rescue Mission and LightHouse Women and Children's Center. "I am excited to work for a non-profit organization that provides hope to those in need. In my short time here, I am amazed by the amount of support that is shown by our community - churches, businesses, clubs, schools, and individuals, all working together to bring light and love to our guests. I look forward to coordinating meaningful service opportunities for our wonderful volunteers." If you are interested in volunteering at Hope Rescue Mission or LightHouse, please email Sheri at [volunteer@HopeForReading.org](mailto:volunteer@HopeForReading.org).

## The Mission Graduate: Kevin M.

At age 18, Kevin enlisted in the Army as an Infantryman and served for five years. Kevin traveled to different bases around the US and spent time in Panama for jungle ops training. Kevin says that each year in the Army got tougher on him, and he let his faith fall by the wayside and got heavier into drinking with his fellow soldiers.

Kevin was honorably discharged and spent the next 30 years working in Dallas, TX. In December of 2021, Kevin moved in with his mother and brother here in Reading, PA. The day before Kevin was scheduled to start a new, well-paid job, he suffered a major stroke. Kevin spent the next few months in rehab learning to speak and walk again. After finishing rehab, Kevin did not want to be a burden on his mother, so he came to the Mission to start over. Kevin volunteered as a monitor of the front

door and lobby area. A fellow guest, William, came to Hope from the hospital after a stroke, but without going to months of rehab like Kevin. Kevin helped William feel safe and built his confidence as he struggled to put full sentences together and gain strength. Kevin feels a special compassion for what William is suffering through and seeing him make improvements feels like a victory for him to be part of.

Kevin grew a lot spiritually while at Hope through chapel services and discipleship classes, while also meeting with a VA Rep and attending events at our on-site Veterans Center for support. In May, Kevin moved into his own apartment and feels as if a weight has been lifted off his shoulders. Kevin is looking for a local church to continue growing in his faith. "Now that I can speak again, I am honored to say thank you for all the help I received. Please keep supporting this special place and all who come here for help."

## Donor Spotlight: Airport Diner



Mr. and Mrs. Levidis, owners of the Airport Diner & Family Restaurant in Kutztown, hosted a fundraiser for LightHouse Women & Children's Center with a portion of all meals sold that day donated to LightHouse. Mr. Levidis commented, "It is our pleasure to help. We have been blessed and want to share our good fortune with those who have fallen on hard times." We are so grateful for the support of the Levidises and all those who came out to enjoy a meal at the Airport Diner during the fundraiser.

