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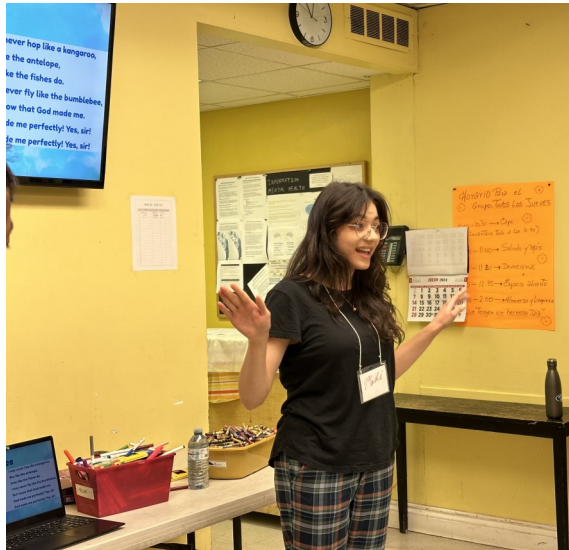
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Summer Student Experiences: Madi & Lian



This summer, The Lighthouse had not one, but two summer students to assist with our food bank, the Hispanic Seniors Group, as well as both the Hispanic and Vietnamese Children’s Camps. Below Madi and Lian share their experiences from their time at The Lighthouse.

Madi—When I started at The Lighthouse I was excited for the opportunity to be involved in both the summer camps and the food bank, I was pleasantly surprised to have so many different experiences and freedom to direct my own learning. I was sure that I would feel more comfortable working in the summer camps, however, I found that the food bank proved to be very suited to my skills and the summer camps challenged me to take more of a leadership role, which was new for me. I feel a lot more comfortable working with kids and better equipped to facilitate groups.

I am currently completing my BSW and the Lighthouse has taught me many valuable skills for my future role as a social worker. I have been able to see and feel how helping through God, coming from a place of love for your fellow man, makes such a difference in the way we interact with one another, it helps make the relationship between helper and helpee feel less transactional. My past experience working in private practice made me want to get more involved in community based organizations, and I feel like my interactions with people are a lot more meaningful and authentic in a place like The Lighthouse which puts the people first.

Through my work I have learned a lot about the strengths that I bring to a team and some areas of growth which I can explore in my future practice. I have found that my time here has made me more connected to the community and experienced working holistically to meet the unique needs of the individuals within that community.

Lian– When I applied to The Lighthouse I was eager to work with others and to serve the community and provide for those in need. I was able to meet those goals through helping others at the food bank and preparing Bible lessons for the Vietnamese summer camp.

During my time here I learned many things like how to work with youths, how to be more selfless towards people and not expect anything in return. This experience also taught me to be more patient with others, like those who make extra requests to satisfy their needs at the food bank, and being around the energetic kids in both summer camps. I feel I have grown closer to God through sharing His Word with the kids and I am humbled to have acted in His name.



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What is a Lighthouse Champion?

A Lighthouse Champion is someone who is interested in the work of The Lighthouse, shares in our passion of helping others, and would love to represent The Lighthouse to their church, family, and friends.

Lighthouse Champions receive exclusive monthly updates to share and keep your church family in the loop about all the exciting things happening at The Lighthouse. For more information about being a Lighthouse Champion, or if you know of someone who would be perfect to represent The Lighthouse to your church, please contact Rob at 416-535-6262 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca



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Photo Highlights from our Summer Programs

With both the Hispanic and Vietnamese Children's Camps taking place as well as the Hispanic Seniors Group, there were plenty of moments worth capturing over the summer!



From Rob's Desk

Recently I have been reflecting on my time here at The Lighthouse. This October, I will be starting my 19th year at The Lighthouse. During the first 18 years; many changes took place. There were staffing changes; some who retired and some staff who moved on to other opportunities. There were summer students, volunteers and placement students who took part in the activities of The Lighthouse. Each one provided their own skillsets to benefit The Lighthouse. It was amazing to watch how The Lighthouse benefited them and how they benefited The Lighthouse. Through the gifts the Lord provided them, The Lighthouse flourished.



Another change took place when Covid happen in 2020. The Lighthouse never closed because we provided an essential service. We were providing food to those in need. It was challenging at times as we seen the numbers increase each week. As we provided food to those in need, The Lord continued to bless The Lighthouse. Many individuals, businesses and organizations wanted to help.

Technology became a tool we used to reach our community. For a number of our programs, we used Zoom or other applications to connect with people. It was a blessing for many, especially those in the Vietnamese and Hispanic Community.

Throughout these years of challenging and enriching times, I hear from volunteers, placement students, clients and staff that there is a family atmosphere that is experienced at The Lighthouse. They feel loved, cared for and respected. When I hear that, it brings joy to my heart knowing that we as an organization continue to show God's love to everyone who comes to The Lighthouse. Part of our mission statement states that we as The Lighthouse offer an atmosphere of respect, dignity and security to address spiritual, emotional and physical needs demonstrating God's love.

The Lighthouse has done just that with your help through your prayers, financial support or words of encouragement. For my 18 years at The Lighthouse, I have experienced the many blessings the Lord has provided. I look forward to the many blessings that will continue to come to The Lighthouse.

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