Lighthouse IMMIGRANT ADVOCATES

Advocacy

As Lighthouse builds a foundation for change with outreach and education, Lighthouse is also engaging in a variety of advocacy projects. Lighthouse's advocacy efforts are necessary to realize change and reform at the local, state, and federal levels. Lighthouse advocates through its Welcoming initiative, Immigrant Allies community coalition, intervention and education efforts with city and county government agencies, and advocacy campaigns, such as our DACA Position Letter and collaborative DACA advocacy projects.

What are we doing in 2018?

IMMIGRANT ALLIES

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER

Immigrant Allies and Allies Working for Social Justice and Environmental Progress

In order to realize the change we seek in West Michigan, Lighthouse needs community investment and participation. Allies is that buy-in from long-term and newer West Michigan residents alike. In 2018, Lighthouse will be focusing on recruiting more members, installing and supporting leadership committees, and generating strategic objectives that benefit all marginalized populations in West Michigan.

Welcoming Initiative in Ottawa County, Holland, and Grand Haven

Strong communities in the 21st century take intentional steps to connect and actively include people of all backgrounds. It is only through these conditions that communities are able to meet their highest civic and economic potential, unleashing the power of their greatest asset—their people. As Ottawa County and the greater West Michigan region look to harness the wealth and vibrancy that comes from diverse talents and a more global workforce, areas that are more welcoming and inclusive to these new populations will set themselves apart. Lighthouse's Welcoming Initiative, together with other nonprofits and government agencies, will help Ottawa County realize its potential. The goal is to see this adopted as a formal resolution by Holland, Grand Haven, and Ottawa County, with government leadership in place to support the resolution.

advocacy on demand

Lighthouse's advocacy work responds to the needs of the immigrant and refugee community. For this reason, we will continue to pursue advocacy projects in 2018 as needs arise, whether it is advocacy with local law enforcement agencies, legislative advocacy, or support for other like-minded advocacy campaigns.