When Things Fall Apart

Louise’s life completely changed when her 16 month-old child, who showed signs of developmental delay, was diagnosed with type 2 spinal muscular atrophy, a degenerative illness that weakens the muscles and respiratory system. As a single mother, she became helpless to deal with Joey’s fragility every time a benign virus degenerated into acute and potentially fatal pneumonia. As for many parents at the Lighthouse, frequent hospitalisations make her daily life sometimes unbearable. Louise calls upon the Lighthouse to welcome Joey a few days every year, the time to catch her breath and prepare to carry on.

The Lighthouse, Children and Families was founded to provide such care. Children are admitted for respite care visits, psychosocial emergencies, transition between the hospital and home or when their health deteriorates. They are given complex and high-quality care up until and including end-of-life care. The Lighthouse also coordinates respite care home visits and family support services throughout the children’s lives and after their death. All of these services are free of charge.

Between Laughter and Survival: Joey’s Day at the Lighthouse

6:30 am – 10:00 am – respiratory care, medication, mealtime (spoon and tube feeding), sensory stimulation
10:00 am – 12:00 pm – arts and crafts (building a musical instrument), visit from Dr. Clown, karaoke
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – medication, mealtime (spoon and tube feeding), story time
1:00 pm – 2:45 pm – massage therapy, swimming pool
2:45 pm – 5:00 pm – bath, physical care, nap, group playtime (hula-hoops, scarves, parachute, balls, etc.)
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm – medication, mealtime (spoon and tube feeding), interactive theatre
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – music therapy with a guest harpist, relaxation in the multi-sensory room
8:00 pm – 6:30 am – respiratory care, bedtime.

* The activities provided always depend on the child’s condition, as well any preferences expressed by the child or the family.

When Life Becomes a Daily Battle

Louise’s son Joey is 14 years old and has a life-threatening degenerative disease. Louise has a vital need of pediatric palliative care services at the Lighthouse to weather the storms of successive threats to her teenaged son’s life.

Yes, I want to support the children and families of the Lighthouse!

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“...I feel safe and supported by the Lighthouse when Joey is admitted for respite care services. The time he spends there is absolutely necessary for my physical and mental health. It gives me the opportunity to rest, knowing that he is in excellent hands and treated with the same respect and dignity as any other teenager his age.”

- Louise, mother of Joey

5 other ways to help the Lighthouse!

1 Visit our website at phare-lighthouse.com and DONATE ONLINE. It’s quick, easy, and secure!

2 MY BIRTHDAY AS A GIFT: Birthdays come and go, but donations last forever. This year on your birthday, rather than going out to eat or getting the same old gifts, ask your friends and family to make a donation to the Lighthouse in your name.

mafeteencadeau.com
Call : 514 787-5086

3 Organize a fundraiser. Be a beacon in your community!

UNITED FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE is a campaign that aims to bring individuals, groups, retailers, professionals, and businesses together to support The Lighthouse Children and Families through creative fundraising programs.

unispourlephare.com
Call : 514 787-5091

4 Support the Lighthouse all year round with a MONTHLY DONATION

It’s an easy, virtually effortless way to support the Lighthouse via automatic monthly credit card payments. At the end of the year, you will receive a receipt showing all of your donations for the year.

Call : 514 789-4008

5 Be part of the Lighthouse’s future LEGACY

Legacy gifts are increasingly common arrangements in personal financial and estate plans. Donors can bequeath an amount to the Lighthouse without any financial impacts on themselves or their family members.

The Lighthouse provides professional and confidential personalized financial services for legacy donors. Contact us for more information on the ways in which you can leave a gift for the children and families at the Lighthouse.

Call : 514 787-8805