

Three Ways to Partner with Us

People will often ask, "How can I be a part of the work of Lower Lights? What are your greatest needs?" Currently, we suggest three ways to partner with us:

Investment

As a 501(c)3 organization, Lower Lights Ministries relies on financial investments to assist in the funding of current programs and enable future expansion. Most contributions to Lower Lights Ministries are tax deductible. You can invest with us online at our website.

Involvement

Sometimes the greatest help that we can provide is the "ministry of presence." Many of our partners take a *hands-on* approach to involvement by volunteering with special projects, program leadership and mentoring.

Intercession

Prayer is our greatest need! We never want to underestimate the power and effectiveness discovered in prayer. Our *Prayer Partners* commit to pray for our staff and for those we serve on a regular basis.

For more information about the ministry, or to arrange a time to come and visit, please use the contact information on the back of this brochure. If you would like us to speak to your church, company or network group, please contact us.

LOWER LIGHTS MINISTRIES

"In community, no one is too rich to receive and no one is too poor to give." Pope John Paul II

Our Mission

Motivated by the love of God, the mission of Lower Lights Ministries is to promote the development and well-being of individuals, families and the community of Franklinton by partnering together as loving neighbors.

Our Vision

The Franklinton community holistically restored into a thriving neighborhood with Christians fully engaged in the process of that transformation.

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*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*



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Who We Are

Our neighborhood has a rich history as the oldest settlement in Central Ohio. When Lucas Sullivant first mapped out the area in 1797, he envisioned a thriving neighborhood that would provide “a gateway for the Northwest Territory.”

Today, however, the area faces many challenges due to factors contributing to localized poverty and blight. In 1999, unemployment for the area was more than two times greater than national averages, and nearly half of families were below national poverty levels. Some of the greatest risks in the area include substance abuse, inadequate access to healthcare, sexual and physical abuse, depression and mental illness, and crime.

In response to these growing social needs, Pastors Dave and Jane Fulks established Lower Lights Ministries in 1991. Since its earliest days, Lower Lights Ministries has operated various service programs to provide hope for change.

Our Approach



We believe that an approach that is highly relational and spiritual, as well as holistic in services is critical to ensure successful and lasting change. Our ultimate goal is to eliminate the cycle of poverty and empower families and individuals to move from “get” to “give”, thereby breaking unhealthy dependencies and fostering an interdependent community where all give as they receive. Three steps are involved in this transformation:

- **Providing** – *compassionately responding to meet basic needs*
- **Progressing** – *mentoring and developing life skills for lasting change*
- **Partnering** – *fostering collaboration and leadership to serve the community*

Children’s Outreach Events

Since its inception, Lower Lights has sought to positively impact the lives of Franklinton children. Today, this is achieved through monthly outreach events that demonstrate the love of God to children and their families in real and tangible ways. During the summer, we conduct a day camp for area children to assist working parents, and to provide a safe place where children can enjoy the summer months. The goal of our children’s outreach is to impact lives today and, therefore, impact future generations of Franklinton residents.



Light the Way Home

Recognizing that homeownership is a cornerstone to a health community, Lower Lights assists low to moderate income families overcome barriers to achieve homeownership. Through service-enriched housing, participant families gain the skills and capacity to purchase and maintain quality housing, while making contributions to the entire community.

Project A.I.M.

“Achieving Interdependence through Modeling” is the goal of our family mentoring project. By combining professional case management with supportive peer mentors, families find the strength to set and achieve personal goals, while being empowered for the future. Monthly support groups complement ongoing mentoring to form the community necessary to reduce isolation and build the foundation for a vibrant and thriving neighborhood. Our vision is for participant families to break the cycle of poverty by realizing their dreams and by experiencing God’s love.

Rachel’s House

Lack of support following incarceration is a leading cause for former inmates returning to Ohio prisons and institutions. To combat this effect, we provide transitional housing and ongoing character development for adult women upon their release from local prisons. Services include job placement and coaching, mentoring, financial stewardship and by providing basic necessities. In partnership with State and local officials, we are ensuring that our graduates become community contributors.

Recovery Groups

Substance abuse is frequently the result of a greater problem that involves spiritual, emotional, and relational brokenness. Therefore, in order to effectively treat these problems, recovery programs must encompass a holistic approach of care that employs a progressive *Twelve Step* program. Through our efforts, we are impacting the lives of Franklinton families that have been ravaged by substance abuse.

Franklinton Family Meal

On Saturday evenings, individuals and families arrive for a home-cooked meal provided by supporting churches and groups. Following dinner, attendees spend time in fellowship and participant-led discipleship and support, bridging socio-economic gaps and fostering mutual respect.



Lower Lights Ministries partners with Lower Lights Community Church of the Nazarene and Lower Lights Christian Health Center to form a compassionate faith community caring for the body, mind, and spirit.