Lighthouse Families First Foundation Brief

Please include the information below.

* Tag line – “Providing hope for special needs family”
* **The story of how the foundation started:**
  + “The Lighthouse Families First Foundation was created in 2015 by my wife, Sandy, and I, parents of a child with autism. As parents of a special needs child, we understand the unique emotional and financial struggles that come with raising a child who has special needs. Through our personal experience and work with Lighthouse Autism Center, we saw the overwhelming need in our local community for an organization to provide support to these families who were struggling. It was this recognition of the gap in services for these families that motivated us to create the Lighthouse Families First Foundation, an organization dedicated to specifically providing assistance to struggling special needs families. It is through this foundation that we hope to continue to provide hope to special needs families in Northern Indiana.

Gregg Maggioli

Founder, Lighthouse Families First Foundation

* **What we do:**
  + “The Lighthouse Families First Foundation provides assistance to special needs families – in whatever way they may need it. For some families that is easing the financial burden of therapy, for others it is providing an ipad and language software so their nonverbal child can communicate. For others, it may mean providing diapers or clothing or gas cards to drive their children to doctor’s appointments. We understand that each family is unique and that means assistant them in different ways, and we are to do that.
* **Making A Difference:**
  + Below are just a few of the children we have assisted through the foundation. We assist families by:
    - Purchasing ipads
    - Purchasing language software
    - Providing gas cards
    - Providing scholarships for therapy
* **How can you help?**
  + “Consider making a donation to the Lighthouse Families First Foundation. 100% of proceeds go directly to special needs families in Northern Indiana. You can write a check or visit [www.lhfff.org/donate](http://www.lhfff.org/donate) to make a donation online.”
* **Do you have a special needs child? You may qualify for a grant. To find out:**

1. Visit [www.lhfff.org](http://www.lhfff.org) and complete a grant inquiry form
2. Complete the entire grant application
3. Your application will be reviewed by the foundation and you will be contacted with more information.