



NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

Keep the Lights Shining and the Heritage Alive



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The goal of creating a National Lighthouse Museum is closer than ever to becoming a reality, but we need your support. It's not just your contributions that make a difference, it's the fact that your membership is a vote, a national mandate, that helps convince government officials and corporate and private foundations that this is a project worth being made. With new leadership and re-invigorated enthusiasm we are making headlines once again, building new partnerships and moving forward.

In 1997 lighthouse organizations across the United States banded together and launched the National Lighthouse Museum project. With changing technologies and national priorities the Coast Guard has been moving further away from lighthouse business, making the need to preserve this critical part of our maritime heritage more important than ever.

After a nationwide competition to select the home of the National Lighthouse Museum, the old Lighthouse Depot at St. George Staten Island, in the heart of New York Harbor, was selected. It comprises 10 acres of waterfront property, five historic buildings and an 800 foot pier. For over a hundred years this was the largest, "super depot" through which Fresnel lenses were distributed, east coast lighthouses were supplied, lightships and aids to navigation were maintained and research and development was conducted to improve our nation's lighthouses. It is truly one of the most historic and important lighthouse sites in the world.

Although we have faced numerous challenges in raising the funds needed to transform the site into a national museum, the tide is turning and we are closer than ever to success. If there were ever a time when your membership can make a dramatic difference, the time is now! Support this important national project and our highly successful Traveling Lights educational outreach program. Become a modern day keeper of the light, and help us keep the heritage alive!

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