

From the Director

I write this letter during our 18th anniversary. Eighteen years...how remarkable. Eighteen years of tremendously hard work, great achievements, great losses, accolades, criticisms, changes and a constant schedule. I think the most important part of the past eighteen years is the positive effect the Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center has had on the staff, the people in the community, or the support staff from school systems and agencies, we all seem to have become one big family. As with any family, we have worked through the whole gamut of emotions and kept going. So what now? How do we maintain our quality and longevity? Long-term planning is the answer. Choosing good people to work at Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center is one way. Starting to train someone to eventually take over my job is another. Investing money for future needs is necessary. Requesting those who have benefited from our center to remember us in their estate planning is vital. These items are all necessary, along with good hard work and belief in ourselves. To quote Anatole France:

**“To accomplish great things,
we must not only act, but also dream;
not only plan, but also believe.”**

We have believed in doing great things, all these years, when no one else did. That is what kept us going and will sustain us into the future.

Kathy Greene

