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My name is Ron Ecker, and I am the President of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF). The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation is a 501.c.3 non-profit origination, which depends upon our donors, members, and sponsors to accomplish our mission to preserve the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse history. This is done by promoting public awareness and making full restoration of the lighthouse grounds a reality while educating our youth and providing public access to this unique national landmark. As President I am asking you to join the sponsorship program at whatever level you feel comfortable.

In 2018 we started construction on two cottages, the head lighthouse keepers' cottage, now the museum and gift shop, and a storage building, which now serves as the restroom facility. In June 2024 we applied for a Capital Facilities Grant from the Brevard County Tourist Development Council to build the remaining two cottages which was approved and sent to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners for approval. On September 17, 2024, the Commissioners voted to approve the total award of the grant, \$775,000, to CCLF.

In 2024 the lighthouse was visited by over 16,000 guests who come to enjoy our unique tower, the oldest structure on the Cape and the only operational lighthouse owned by the United States Space Force. Thanks to the generosity of our 2024 sponsors, members, and private donors, we were able to keep the light shining to welcome our many visitors and share the history of Cape Canaveral. In 2024 we contracted with a third party to perform an economic impact study and the impact of building the two remaining cottages. They estimated there would be a fifteen percent increase in the number of visitors when both cottages are completed.

Our plans are to start construction in the second quarter of 2025 and complete both cottages by June 2026. It will then take about three months to outfit the cottages and open them to the public.

For 2025, the CCLF is offering five sponsorship packages to choose from, which are detailed on the sponsorship registration form. In addition to having your logo on display every day in the museum, it will also be displayed at various outreach events on our dedicated sponsor board so your sponsorship will be seen throughout the community. Our sponsors reflect community support which is so vital when seeking grants to continue rebuilding the original footprint of the lighthouse community. All 2025 sponsors will be invited to participate in an exclusive Sponsor's Appreciation event which will include a tour of the two new cottages.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing you at future events as we work to "keep the light shining."

Sincerely,

Ron Ecker, President
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation

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