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It's "Music Under The Stars: Bon Appétit Miami" time at Miami Lighthouse!

Mark your calendars! Our annual music and dining extravaganza is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th, from 6:30 to 9:30pm, and the roster of restaurants and entertainers for this year's very special evening are truly outstanding.

Miami Lighthouse Big Band Jazz will set the mood with a special guest appearance by internationally acclaimed jazz vocalist, Nicole Henry. Restaurants participating include City Hall The Restaurant, Shorty's Bar-B-Q, Thierry's Catering, Whisk, Perricone's Marketplace, and many more. Delicious beverages will include specialty wines provided by El Carajo, fabulous cocktails provided by The Macallan Scotch Whisky and beer provided by Samuel Adams. Plan to join us for a truly fabulous evening for a really great cause-our Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program.

Donation: \$75 per ticket, \$140 per pair. Complimentary valet parking will be available.



Florida Blue Names Miami Lighthouse Winner of a 2015 Sapphire Award!



William Beckham, Miami Lighthouse Board Director; Steven Marcus, Health Foundation of South Florida President & CEO; Penny Shaffer, Market President for Florida Blue; Virginia Jacko, Miami Lighthouse President & CEO; Ray Casas, Miami Lighthouse Board Chair

Pardon us for sounding proud, but we are totally excited to announce that Miami Lighthouse was honored at the Florida Blue Foundation's 2015 Sapphire Awards as an outstanding nonprofit organization in community health care in recognition of distinguished leadership, innovation and achievements in community health.

Finalists were selected from 165 applications throughout the State of Florida by an independent panel of experts with state and national expertise in community health best practices. The announcement was made at the Sapphire Awards Symposium luncheon on April 23, 2015. Miami Lighthouse is honored to have received such distinguished recognition.

"The Sapphire Awards embody our desire to recognize excellence among organizations, programs and individuals that have made a significant, positive impact on health-related outcomes for Florida's at-risk people and communities," said Penny Shaffer, Market President for Florida Blue. "Miami Lighthouse for the Blind has demonstrated excellence and serves as a model for others to emulate addressing their community's needs with unmatched dedication and courage."

On a separate evening during Florida Blue's three day meeting, entertainment for approximately 300 dinner guests from around the state was provided by our Miami Lighthouse Big Band music instructors and their students with a special appearance by Grammy award-winning singer Jose Feliciano. Also performing were professional musicians Jeff Zavac on sax, Rickey Williams on keyboard, and Osvaldo Rodriquez, who delighted the audience by accompanying himself on the guitar as he sang Cuban folk songs.

Publix Chooses Miami Lighthouse for "Day of Service"

Publix, where "shopping is a pleasure," made Friday, April 17th a true pleasure for Miami Lighthouse by selecting us for their "Publix Serves Day." Publix founded in 1930 and Miami Lighthouse founded in 1931 are celebrating their 85th anniversaries, and Publix is celebrating by giving back to the community.

Our "day" consisted of Publix associates beautifying the Lighthouse facility with the laying of sod, mulching and planting herbs and vegetables to create our very own healthy garden. We will be maintaining the new plantings as part of our High School High Tech Program for our teenagers as an opportunity to teach them about gardening.

The associates also served lunch to our blind and visually impaired clients as well as members of the Lighthouse staff. "We are proud to support the work of an organization that provides an essential lifeline to those who need it most in the communities where we work and live," said Nicole Krauss, media and community relations manager for Publix's Miami Division.

And we loved having you visit with us, Publix!



Contributed by Joan Spector

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