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SAVE THE DATE!

Music Under The Stars

Wednesday, May 24, 2017
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Brickell City Centre

You, our stakeholders, deserve to know...

During fiscal year 2016, our supporters had a significant return on their investment, for example:

- 150 participants in our Senior Group Health and Activities Program remained independent instead of having to move to a costly assisted living facility.
- 45 pre-employment transition teenagers and vocational rehabilitation adults were placed in paid competitive employment because of training received at Miami Lighthouse.
- 8,000 nonprofits are evaluated each year by Charity Navigator, and Miami Lighthouse is currently among the top 39 in the nation. *For the full Annual Report to Stakeholders, [click here.](#)*

April 7th is "Topping Off" time!

What a fantastic year 2017 is turning out to be! In January, we held our 85th Anniversary Gala, and now we are about to celebrate the "topping off" of our new 72,000-square-foot Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ addition. This event, which will take place on Friday, April 7, at 11 a.m., will be highlighted by flying an American flag presented to us by U.S. Senator Marco Rubio. This flag was ceremoniously flown over the United States Capitol building in recognition of our 85th anniversary of serving the blind and visually impaired in our community.

Munilla Construction Management, LLC is hosting the party and will be joined on the podium with others intimately involved in the project, including representatives from the architectural firm of Wolfberg Alvarez & Partners, county and city government officials, Miami Lighthouse Board Directors, and financial supporters of the project. A check will be presented by Lion Alan Campbell, President of the Miami Lions Club, on behalf of the Miami Lions Club and Lions Clubs International Foundation who jointly contributed to fund the playground for the new facility. The expansion was made possible by public and private contributions in response to a challenge grant from a local philanthropist.



Rendering of the future Miami Lighthouse for the Blind campus

The Lighthouse Learning Center™ will provide the Miami-Dade community with a first-of-its-kind inclusive Pre-Kindergarten Program for both blind and sighted three- and four-year-old students. The innovative Pre-K was launched in our existing building in the fall of 2016 and has fifteen youngsters enrolled. "The new space has the potential to expand to 100 students," notes Virginia Jacko, President and CEO of Miami Lighthouse. "We are thrilled to celebrate the topping off of this exciting new addition to our growing campus. We expect it will be finished in time for the first day of school in August."

UM's Delta Gamma Sorority continues their philanthropic mission

On March 4th, the University of Miami Chapter of Delta Gamma presented Miami Lighthouse a check representing funds raised during their annual Anchor Splash, and the alumnae donated the proceeds from their annual Founder's Day Breakfast raffle. These funds will be used for our vision rehabilitation for children and adults. Delta Gamma Beta Tau Chapter has a long history of volunteering at Miami Lighthouse going back to the beginning of both organizations. We are grateful to the DG's for their generosity, hard work to inspire and "do good" throughout the world, as well as for their "service for sight."



Delta Gammas present check to Miami Lighthouse President and CEO Virginia Jacko and Director of External Relations Cameron Sisser

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