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### Technology creates a Magical Field Trip in The City Beautiful

Students ages 5-12 from Miami Lighthouse's Bright Beacon Program were the first to experience a new virtual game on the Magical Park app. Thanks to a partnership with the City of Coral Gables Community Recreation Department and the New Zealand-based Geo AR Games, visually impaired children are now able to play interactive games on a tablet or smartphone while still staying active outdoors. The app features an audio version of the digital fantasy land making it accessible to those with visual impairments.



*Miami Lighthouse's Bright Beacon students experience the Magical Park App*

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## **Miami Lighthouse accepts cryptocurrency donations**

Recently, we have begun accepting philanthropic donations of cryptocurrency in recognition of the growing popularity of this form of investment. The announcement comes on the heels of Bitcoin 2021, the largest Bitcoin event in history, taking place for the first time in Miami from June 4-5.

City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez noted that “we want to be on the next wave of innovation and it is very special that one of Miami’s oldest charities has adopted one of the world’s newest technologies to further its mission and serve the blind and visually impaired.”

Miami Lighthouse has established a relationship with Coinbase, a publicly traded crypto exchange, to process crypto philanthropic gifts, making donations of established digital currencies easy to transact. Each cryptocurrency contribution is converted by Coinbase into its cash value at the time of donation. To make a cryptocurrency donation [click here](#).

# coinbase

Donate Cryptocurrency

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## "Healthy Vision Month" with OrCam

Did you know that approximately 12 million people 40 years and over in the United States have a vision impairment? Miami Lighthouse celebrated the month of May as "Healthy Vision Month" by providing a wealth of information on vision health and care for all ages available through our Vision [Solutions Center](#).

"Taking care of your eyes can be a priority just like eating healthy and physical activity," noted Miami Lighthouse President and CEO Virginia Jacko. "People with vision problems are more likely to experience health problems as well as have increased risk for falls, injury and depression."

Not only is getting a low vision evaluation essential but also knowing what assistive technology products are right for your specific needs, like the OrCam. OrCam helps the blind and visually impaired stay confident and independent in completing their daily tasks. Visit our [LighthouseShop.org](#) or call us at 786-362-7489 to get your OrCam device today.



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*OrCam Read is providing confidence and independence during "Healthy Vision Month"*

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## Ocean Reef Community Foundation awards our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program

We would like to express most sincere gratitude to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for their generous \$10,000 grant to our Statewide [Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program](#). This award will help provide comprehensive eye examinations for low-income children in Homestead, Florida City and the Florida Keys.

Our Florida Heiken Program brings mobile optometric units directly to Title 1 schools, advancing eye health equity for many children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to have a dilated eye exam in addition to regular vision screening.



*Our Statewide Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program provides free eye exams and prescription glasses to students in Homestead, Florida City and the Florida Keys thanks to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation.*

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Join us on Tuesday, June 15th for a Website Accessibility Seminar at Miami Lighthouse from 8:00am-10:00am. Thanks to our partners: [Greater Miami Convention and Visitor's Bureau](#), [Greater Miami & the Beaches Hotel Association](#), and [Miami-Dade Beacon Council](#) you will have an opportunity to learn from our experts how internet technology levels the playing field for individuals with disabilities and why your website needs to be accessible.

Click the invitation below to [RSVP](#) in-person or to attend virtually. For additional questions e-mail Faheemah Garzon at [Faheemah@GMBHA.com](mailto:Faheemah@GMBHA.com).


### **Join our**

## **Website Accessibility Seminar**

**Tuesday, June 15th**  
**8:00am-10:00am**

at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind  
601 SW 8th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33130


*Complimentary Parking entrance located on 8th Ave.*




*Confirming Your Website is Accessible*

Learn from our experts how individuals with disabilities navigate websites and why your website needs to be accessible.


### Panelists




**Virginia Jacko**  
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AIA, National Chair,  
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RSVP to join us in-person or virtually via Zoom



*Website Accessibility Seminar Invitation*

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## In the News:

[Retail Touch Points, May 20, 2021 – "Three Ways Retailers Can Avoid Accessibility Lawsuits and Reach Even More Customers Online"](#)

[Local 10, May 19, 2021 – "Tribute to Teachers: Yara Frignani is a 'superstar' for visually impaired students"](#)

[Community Newspapers, May 11, 2021 – "City of Coral Gables Inaugurates New Virtual Outdoor Game for the Visually Impaired with Miami Lighthouse for the Blind Students"](#)

[CASE News FIU, April 27, 2021 – "CASE Spring 2021 Real Triumphs Graduates"](#)

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