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Miami Lighthouse Summer Camp Students Experience Court Visit

Miami Lighthouse students experienced a fascinating visit to the United States Bankruptcy Court recently as guests of Chief Judge Laurel Isicoff and her courtroom staff. The students were present in several hearings held via Zoom. Judge Isicoff explained important information about the bankruptcy proceedings and laws established in the US. She also engaged in a Q&A with students and answered all their questions.

During the visit, which was organized by incoming Board Chair Steven Solomon, the students had the opportunity to tour the different courtroom areas and learn about the various roles of each person who works with Judge Isicoff during a court case.

Our thanks go out to Judge Isicoff and her staff for providing our students with this meaningful summer experience.



Chief Judge Laurel Isicoff welcomes our Pre-Employment Transition students to the United States Bankruptcy Court

Miami Marlins host 'Touch Tour' for Miami Lighthouse Summer Camp Students

Miami Marlins hosted the annual "Touch Tour" for Miami Lighthouse students on June 21 at loanDepot Park. Students had the opportunity to interact with the team manager, players, touch the field and test out professional baseball equipment. The event was covered by Channel 10. To watch the Channel 10 coverage on the event, [click here](#).



Channel 10 media coverage of the annual "Touch Tour" at loanDepot Park

Miami Lighthouse's Florida Heiken Program Makes a Lasting Impact on the Lives of Children throughout the State

During the 2022-2023 schoolyear our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program provided nearly 18,000 school children throughout the State of Florida a comprehensive eye exam and nearly 12,000 received prescription glasses. A story about a 7 year old boy named Joey, as told by Melissa Pearson from Lafayette County Public Schools, is a typical story and very heart warming. Joey is just one of many children who are heard to say in amazement, "Oh, I can see better now!"

Ms. Pearson says, "Joey received his very first eyeglasses from the Florida Heiken Program. The glasses were a very strong prescription and the little boy was over the top with joy when he received them. One of the first things he did when he returned to the classroom was to ask his teacher what the spots on her face were. The spots were actually freckles, and Joey had never seen anything like them before. He also told several teachers that he thought they looked very skinny. I told him that was because they were all blurry blobs before his new glasses allowed him to actually see details.

Joey was so busy looking at everything with his wonderful new eyeglasses that he kept asking questions about what different things actually were. I decided to call his mother who was awed to hear what was happening. She remarked that her son had never worn glasses

before even though his doctor had mentioned that she should have his eyes checked. She had never done so, although she had noticed her son always placed his face very close to anything he was trying to look at.”

In closing, Ms. Pearson remarked that Joey’s story had her crying at the wonder of the little boy’s incredible new eyesight, thanks to the prescription glasses provided him by our Florida Heiken Program. “Believe me, I wasn’t the only one crying in that room”, she said. “It was a very moving day for all of us.”



Child receives prescription glasses from our Florida Heiken Children’s Vision Program

Young Professionals are Pleased to Invite YOU!

Join us for our annual Miami Lighthouse Legislative Luncheon on Wednesday, July 26th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on our campus, located at 601 SW 8th Avenue.

The complimentary luncheon, sponsored by Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, will provide attendees the opportunity to network with local elected officials, Miami Lighthouse Board Directors, and other community leaders. Guests will enjoy a special performance by our Miami Lighthouse Music Program and a tour of our newly expanded facility.

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