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**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE CEO VIRGINIA A. JACKO AND CO-AUTHOR DOUG EADIE
TO SPEAK AT MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL NOV. 21**

MIAMI--Nov. 8--Virginia A. Jacko, President and CEO of Miami Lighthouse and author of *The Blind Visionary*, an inspiring account of her journey as a blind executive in a sighted world, will speak at Miami Book Fair International Saturday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. in Building 3, Room 3315 at the Miami-Dade Wolfson Campus. She will share the chair with her co-author, Doug Eadie, of Doug Eadie & Company.

The Blind Visionary is author Virginia Jacko's story of losing her eyesight to retinitis pigmentosa, and coming to Miami Lighthouse as client to learn skills to regain her independence and the full use of her executive talents. Ms. Jacko became CEO of Miami Lighthouse, and under her leadership it has become a nationwide Center of Excellence in Low Vision and Vision Rehabilitation, with a four-star ranking from Charity Navigator for fiscal responsibility for three years running. Virginia Jacko recently was interviewed by 23 radio stations around the country. The audio book version of *The Blind Visionary* became available Nov. 1.

Miami Book Fair International is the largest literary festival in the United States. Since the Fair began in 1984, it has drawn recipients of the Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, and the National Book Award. Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus Building 3 is located at N.E. 2nd Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets. The main entrance is on 4th Street. Free parking is available in the public garage on N.E. 2nd Avenue.

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Miami Lighthouse has been transforming lives over the past eighty years at the same location, with clients of all ages ranging from blind babies to seniors with low vision.

MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT:

*To provide vision rehabilitation
and eye health services
that promote independence,
to educate professionals,
and to conduct research in related fields.*