Miami Lighthouse breaks ground for Learning Center for Children

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Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired broke ground on Aug. 3 for an addition to its growing campus — the 72,000-square-foot Lighthouse Learning Center for Children.

Miami Lighthouse, located at 601 SW Eighth Ave., co-hosted the groundbreaking ceremony in collaboration with Munilla Construction Management LLC and Wolfberg Alvarez Partners. The new facility was made possible by private donations in response to a challenge grant from a local philanthropist.


Miami Lighthouse is introducing this unique pilot project, in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Early Learning Coalition, to more easily transition blind and visually impaired students to public schools.

The Lighthouse Learning Center for Children has been designed as a safe, child-oriented environment with a wide array of tactile experiences through which toddlers and young children can learn about the world around them in an engaging and fun way.

Established in 1931 by Dolly Gamble with the aid of Helen Keller and support from Miami’s Lions and Rotary clubs, Miami Lighthouse is the oldest and largest private agency in Florida assisting persons of all ages who are blind and visually impaired. Today, the agency serves more than 14,000 clients per year with an array of programs that enable blind and visually impaired persons to achieve independence.

For more information about Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, visit Miami-Lighthouse.org, or call 305-856-2288.