Thoughts on Thanksgiving

We have much to be thankful for here at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. We are so grateful to all of our big-hearted supporters including those who share their talents with us, those who share their treasures with us, and those who share their lives with us. To each and every one of you, our deepest thanks!

May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

A moving visit by Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

We were honored to host Archbishop Wenski at Miami Lighthouse in early November. The visit began with a visit to our innovative innovative Lighthouse Learning Center for Children® where he was welcomed by our pre-kindergarten children, half of whom are visually impaired and the other half sighted. The students delivered an emotional rendition of “You Are My Sunshine” and presented the Archbishop with a special gift.

Archbishop Wenski speaks to clients in our Senior Group Health and Activities Program and our nationally recognized Miami Lighthouse-Walt Disney Studio where our own Charlie Treeson is immersed in his role as a WDW Cast Member. He received a personalized photo package of Disney characters and a signed copy of Disney’s “Vinylmation” by Mark H. Davis.

“Very, very impressed! It is wonderful how the Lighthouse has developed with state-of-the-art facilities and the latest technology,” the Archbishop told us.

Report on our successful “Transitions Through Technology” program funded by Comcast.

December 3 will mark the conclusion of Comcast Corporation’s initial use of financial support for Miami Lighthouse’s innovative and highly successful “Transitions Through Technology” program. The program was designed to improve communication, facilitate learning, develop social-emotional skills, support parent education, and promote family engagement.

Comcast’s generous funding provided an opportunity for 45 pre-kindergarten and school-aged children to work on essential school-readiness skills. As a result, the majority of the children have demonstrated significantly increased skills in all areas. Based on the initial results, we are confident that our early literacy program is proving to be as asset to our community and we are proud to report that it is the national model.

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