MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE LAUNCHES 85TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
BRAMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION PLEDGES $1 MILLION TO CENTER OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN

Miami Lighthouse marked the start of its 85th year serving the blind and visually impaired with CEO Virginia Jacko announcing at its annual See the Light luncheon that the Braman Family Foundation has pledged a $1 million leadership gift toward the expansion of its Center of Excellence to create a new facility, the Lighthouse Learning Center for Visually Impaired Children, which will be matched by an anonymous donor. The much needed new Center will serve as a pre-kindergarten for blind three- and four-year olds, an early intervention center for children from birth to age three and provide a venue for learning laboratories and recreation.

Keynote speaker Thomas J. Wlodkowski, Comcast Vice President for Accessibility, told the audience about Comcast's collaboration with Miami Lighthouse to pilot the new Comcast Talking Guide. The Spanish language version of the Comcast Talking Guide was unveiled at the luncheon. The innovative new system allows a visually impaired person, using either English or Spanish, to access TV program selection through audio output.

Emceed by Coral Gables Chamber President & CEO, Mark Trowbridge, the event was sponsored by Comcast, Nostro Jones P.A. and GenSpring and was attended by more than 250 community leaders and philanthropists. Hors d’oeuvres were provided by Norma Jean Abraham and Lighthouse logo cookies were provided by Jan Morrison.

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