



MEDIA ADVISORY

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MLB AND THE MIAMI MARLINS TO DEDICATE NEWLY-PURCHASED, ALL-STAR BRANDED MOBILE EYE UNIT FOR MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

WHO: **Derrek Lee** – Two-Time MLB All-Star; Former Marlins First Baseman (1998-2003); Member of the 2003 World Series Champion Marlins
Alex Gonzalez – 1999 MLB All-Star; Former Marlins Shortstop (1998-2005); Member of the 2003 World Series Champion Marlins
David Samson – President, Miami Marlins
Tony Petitti – Chief Operating Officer, Major League Baseball
Virginia Jacko – President & CEO, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind
Kyle Sielaff – Host, *Marlins On Deck*
Billy The Marlin – Miami Marlins Mascot

WHAT: Major League Baseball and the Miami Marlins will continue unveiling 2017 All-Star Legacy projects with the dedication of newly-purchased, All-Star branded Mobile Eye Unit for **Miami Lighthouse for the Blind**. This new mobile optometric unit replaces an outdated, 14-year-old vehicle that has been in constant need of repair. The new unit will allow the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired to expand their important services of free eye examinations and glasses for eligible school children.

WHEN: Friday, July 7th, 11:00 a.m. ET

WHERE: Marlins Park, West Plaza, 501 Marlins Way, Miami, FL 33125

About 2017 MLB All-Star Legacy & Legacy Plus Community Effort

MLB and the Miami Marlins have donated approximately \$5 million through MLB Charities and the Marlins Foundation toward several All-Star Legacy and *Legacy Plus* improvement projects as well as to support national charitable initiatives. A portion of the funds will be raised from Gatorade All-Star Workout Day on Monday, July 10th. This is the 20th anniversary of the MLB All-Star Legacy initiative. Since 1997, MLB and host All-Star clubs have donated more than \$80 million in All-Star charitable contributions.

About Miami Lighthouse for the Blind

Founded in 1931 as the Florida Association of Workers for the Blind, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has changed more than just its name during its 85-year history as Florida's premier rehabilitation organization of serving the blind. Miami Lighthouse now serves nearly 15,000 people each year and reaches an additional 3,300 through community education and outreach programs.

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