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**MIAMI DOLPHINS FOUNDATION VOLUNTEERS AT 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE DOG WALK**

*Miami Lighthouse invites you to Walk, Waggle and Stroll to Raise Awareness for Service Dogs*

**Miami, Florida. February 9, 2011**—Walk, Waggle and Stroll! Members of the Miami Dolphins Special Teams organization will join walkers and their dogs, including guide dogs, other service animals and regular pet companions, on a walk to pledge support for the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. This year’s event is hosted by Honorary ‘Dog’nitaries, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman and NBC Chief Meteorologist John Morales.



“In addition to raising much-needed funds for our programs at Miami Lighthouse, which provide rehabilitation and vocational training to thousands of people every year, our fourth annual Walk, Waggle and Stroll Dog Walk will be a wonderful awareness-raiser for the presence of service animals of all kinds in our community,” said Miami Lighthouse CEO Virginia A. Jacko, who is blind and uses a guide dog, Kieran.

De‘Tails’ for the event are as follows: registration for the Dog Walk begins at 9 a.m. at the Shops at Midtown Miami located at 3401 N. Miami Avenue. Some of the morning’s activities include “Bagels and Bones Breakfast” sponsored by Publix, Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks; contest prizes for cutest, look-alike and most talented dog; and raffle prizes. Free parking is available in the PetSmart garage, and walkers are welcome with or without dogs. On-site registration is \$20; the fee is waived for visually impaired walkers.

The Miami Lighthouse Dog Walk is sponsored by The Shops at Midtown, Opalocka Hialeah Flea Market, NBC Miami, Miami-Dade County, Publix, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, The Miami Dolphins Foundation, Frances T. King Insurance Agency, Britto, Sudsies, BizSolutions, Susan Conroy Design, Absolute Graphics, Banfield the Pet Hospital, Mac Parking and Coral Way Columbian Lions Club.

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**The Miami Lighthouse** is Florida's largest and oldest private agency serving the blind and visually impaired. In addition to providing free vision care to thousands of financially disadvantaged children each year, Miami Lighthouse helps more than two thousand blind and visually impaired people and their families learn to live safe and independent lives while coping with vision loss. For more information please visit [www.miamilighthouse.org](http://www.miamilighthouse.org) or to schedule a tour call Kristina Pham at 786-382-7514.

**The Miami Dolphins Special Teams** is a unique volunteer organization created to enlist and mobilize the ongoing services of the community with the Miami Dolphins staff, players and alumni. The mission of the Special Teams is to offer hands-on services to communities and families in need, to partner with existing organizations on worthwhile social, civic and charitable programs, to provide assistance at Miami Dolphins Foundation events, and to support community efforts in times of emergency.

**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.

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