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### **MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE AMONG TOP 2% OF NONPROFITS IN THE NATION**

MIAMI—November 1, 2015—Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has is in the top two percent of U.S. charities, receiving its eighth consecutive 4-star rating, the highest rating possible, from Charity Navigator in recognition of its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances.

The notification letter from Charity Navigator, the widely respected independent evaluator of not-for-profits, states: “Only 2% of the charities we rate have received at least 8 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired outperforms most other charities in America. This ‘exceptional’ designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.”

"It is important to our donors and grantors that their investment is used for client services to the fullest extent. That we are in the top two percent of American charities for fiscal responsibility reflects our sound fiscal management and efficient use of donor dollars." said Miami Lighthouse CEO Virginia A. Jacko. Miami Lighthouse, Florida's largest and oldest private agency serving the blind and visually impaired, opened in Miami in 1931. With an expanded facility at the original location, as well as mobile units that travel to public schools and senior centers, Miami Lighthouse experienced over a 20-fold increase in the number of clients served between 2004 and 2014.

Additional information is available on the Miami Lighthouse web site: [www.miamilighthouse.org](http://www.miamilighthouse.org).

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#### **MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT:**

*To provide vision rehabilitation  
and eye health services  
that promote independence,  
to collaborate with and educate professionals,  
and to conduct research in related fields.*

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