



MEDIA ADVISORY

CITY OF CORAL GABLES INAUGURATES NEW VIRTUAL OUTDOOR GAME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED WITH MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND STUDENTS

WHAT: Unveiling of new audio-based virtual outdoor game for visually impaired children, available to the public free of charge.

WHERE: Phillips Park Field
90 Menores Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33134

WHEN: Saturday, May 22 from 10 to 11 a.m.

BACKGROUND: The City of Coral Gables Community Recreation Department partnered with New Zealand-based Geo AR Games. Together, they debuted the Magical Park app in the U.S. in September 2020. This was an effort by Coral Gables to attract tech-minded families to parks to get their children to exercise. Magical Park has eight interactive games that can be played on a tablet or smartphone screen.

The app has been updated with an audio game as the latest addition to Magical Park, an interactive mobile game app that turns a park into a digital fantasy land.

School-aged children from the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind Bright Beacons program will be the first to experience this new virtual game, designed specifically for the visually impaired.

Each child will don a Blue Tooth headset that will guide them on a search to recover lost kittens. The children will be challenged to collect as many kittens as possible before they are snatched away by a virtual pursuer. The program functions only at the Phillips Park Field and encourages young gamers to move quickly across the field.

The Miami Lighthouse Bright Beacons program enables visually impaired children to access high-quality and expanded core curricula that focus on self-sufficiency through literacy and technology.