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## On March 21st Miami Lighthouse paid homage to our President's Club Donors at an event

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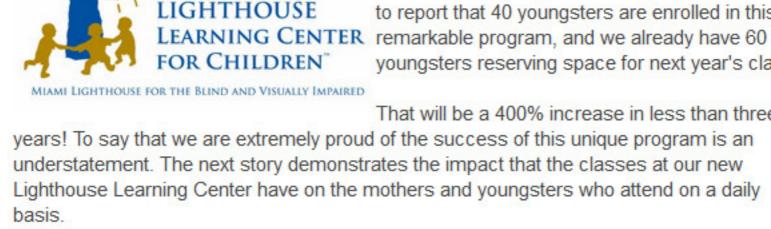
held at Northern Trust. Northern Trust President John Fumagalli welcomed our guests, and Northern Trust Vice Chairman and former Miami Lighthouse Board Chair William Morrison spoke about the community's legacy of support for Miami Lighthouse. President's Club member and Board Chair Louis Nostro announced President's Club honorees and presented to them commemorative tiles. President's Club donors are recognized on a plaque in our reception lobby. At the event, the President's Club video was also unveiled. Please Click here to watch the video. To become a

member of our President's Club or to include Miami Lighthouse in your estate planning contact CEO Virginia Jacko at 305-856-4176 or vjacko@miamilighthouse.org.



Whitman, H. Angela Whitman Foundation; District Governor Lion Betty Barrera; CEO Virginia Jacko; Christine Stiefel, The Wildflower Foundation; Susan and Robin Shelley, The Rotary Foundation of Miami Florida; Carla Richey and Board Director Scott Richey, Northern Trust; Paul Stokes, Samuel E. and Mary W. Thatcher Foundation; Murray Levin, The Saul and Teresa Esman Foundation. Back row: John Fumagalli, Florida President, Northern Trust; Steven Marcus, Health Foundation of South Florida; Honorary Board Director and former Board Chair William Morrison, Northern Trust; Honorary Board Director Bill Beckham, JM Private Insurance; Alan Alvarez, Marlins Foundation; former Board Director Anna K. Rentz; Board Director and former Chair Ramon Casas, Wragg and Casas; Dan Bell; Kim Greene, Dr. John T. Mcdonald Foundation; Trish Bell; Olga Nielson and Board Director Charles Nielson; Craig Rickert, Calvin and Flavia de Camp Oak Foundation; Honorary Board Director J. Megan Kelly Our Innovative Pre-K Program is Truly Amazing.

## enroll 15 youngsters, half of whom were sighted, and half visually impaired. This year we are excited



youngsters reserving space for next year's class. That will be a 400% increase in less than three years! To say that we are extremely proud of the success of this unique program is an understatement. The next story demonstrates the impact that the classes at our new Lighthouse Learning Center have on the mothers and youngsters who attend on a daily

When we piloted our innovative Pre-K program for

the 2016 / 2017 school year, we were happy to

to report that 40 youngsters are enrolled in this

Meet Two of our Pre-K Mothers and their Youngsters. Monica is the mother of 2-year-old, totally blind, Rio. "Rio loves going to school," says Monica. "I am so grateful they are providing her with the skills to live a

## teach her." "While I don't think Rio fully understands the concept

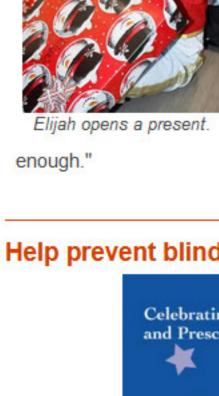


that some of the children in her class see and some don't, she knows the names of everyone in her class and is friends with everyone. Every morning, she will say "School today?" to me, and be obviously disappointed when I have to tell her it's the weekend and there is no school. Once we get to the school, she has learned to push the right floor button on the elevator by touching the braille dots. She's too young to

good life. We've been coming to the Miami Lighthouse

since she was very little. They teach me, as well as

really learn braille yet, but I'm sure she will learn it well Melissa is the mother of 4-year-old Elijah. Elijah is one of the sighted children in the Pre-K, and according to his Mother, the difference in her son, since he started school, is absolutely amazing. "Elijah was very shy, only wanted to be with me or his father and would cry if he had to be with other children," says Melissa. "Since he started school at the Lighthouse he has come

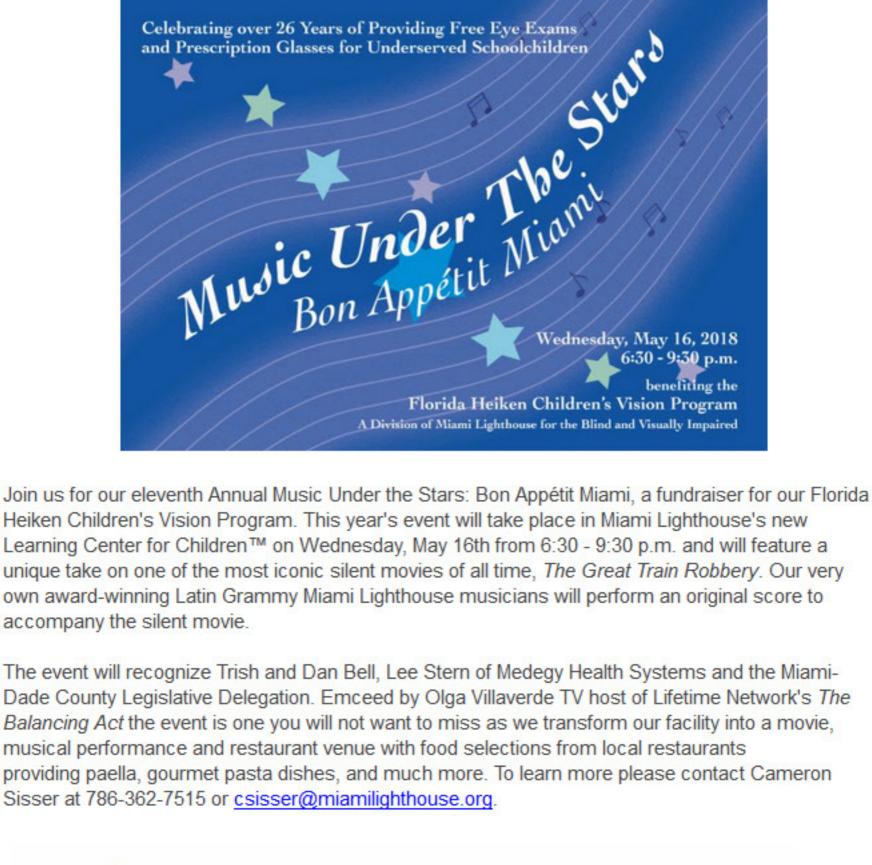


"If you ask me how my son is doing in school today, I can tell you the difference the Lighthouse Learning Center teachers have made in his life is absolutely awesome. I can't thank them Help prevent blindness by attending Music Under the Stars. Celebrating over 26 Years of Providing Free Eye Exams and Prescription Glasses for Underserved Schoolchildren

out of his shell and has become much more sociable. He's friends

with all the kids in his class, and in fact, I'm pretty sure he has a crush on Zakhia, one of the little girls in the class who is blind. He

talks about her all the time."



6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Miami Lighthouse 601 SW 8th Avenue • Miami, Florida 33130 Complimentary Valet Parking in our New Adjacent Garage Entrance on SW 8th Avenue, just north of SW 7th Street Recognizing Trish and Dan Bell Lee Stern, Medegy Health Systems

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