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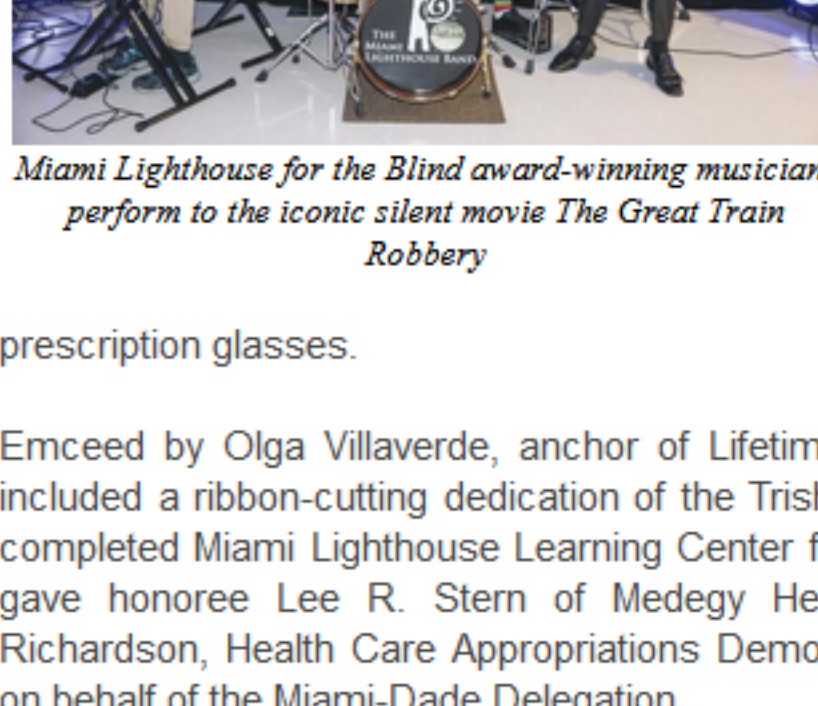
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Music Under the Stars...An Incredible Evening!

The rain held off as 250 guests enjoyed something old and something new as Miami Lighthouse musicians and chorus provided live music and sound effects for the iconic silent film *The Great Train Robbery*.



*Miami Lighthouse for the Blind award-winning musicians perform to the iconic silent movie *The Great Train Robbery**

And that was just part of the memorable evening that included a fabulous silent auction and many different kinds of delicious food samplings provided by a number of Miami restaurant sponsors. The annual evening raised much needed funds for our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program that provides eye care and prescription glasses at no cost to underserved students throughout Florida. Last school year our Heiken Program received 17,000 referrals of students needing eye care and provided more than 11,000 dilated eye exams and

prescription glasses.

Emceed by Olga Villaverde, anchor of Lifetime TV's *The Balancing Act*, the celebration included a ribbon-cutting dedication of the Trish and Dan Bell East Terrace of our recently completed Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™. Commissioner Sally Heyman gave honoree Lee R. Stern of Medegy Health Systems a proclamation, and David Richardson, Health Care Appropriations Democratic Ranking Member, presented a check on behalf of the Miami-Dade Delegation.



Miami Lighthouse Board Chair Louis Nostro, President and CEO Virginia Jacko with Trish and Dan Bell after ribbon-cutting dedication of our Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™

Trish and Dan Bell East Terrace.



Left: Commissioner Sally Heyman gives proclamation to honoree Lee R. Stern; Right: Representative David Richardson, Florida State Health Care Appropriations Democratic Ranking Member, presents check on behalf of Miami-Dade Delegation to President and CEO Virginia Jacko

The event was sponsored by ABB Optical Group, U.S. Ophthalmic, Publix Super Markets Charities, Marlins Foundation, Florida Power & Light, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman, Gray Robinson, Genesis Systems Consulting, Florida International Bankers Association, Gus Machado Ford, *Miami Kids Magazine*, H. Angela Whitman Foundation, Pamela J. Garrison, Essilor, The Art of Shaving, Susan Conroy Design, Perry Ellis, and EC Connects.



Event Sponsors (left to right): Michael Jimenez, Genesis Systems Consulting; Ralph Niebles, The Art of Shaving; Steven Solomon, GrayRobinson P.A.; Canina and Gustavo Lancewicki, US Ophthalmic; Karla Richey, Miami Kids Magazine; Commissioner Sally Heyman, Miami-Dade County; Michele Pedersen, The Art of Shaving; H. Angela Whitman; Pamela J. Garrison and Eileen Camejo, EC Connects.

Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program Receives Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2018 Values Matter Award



Children's Vision Program Manager, accept 2018 Values Matter Award.

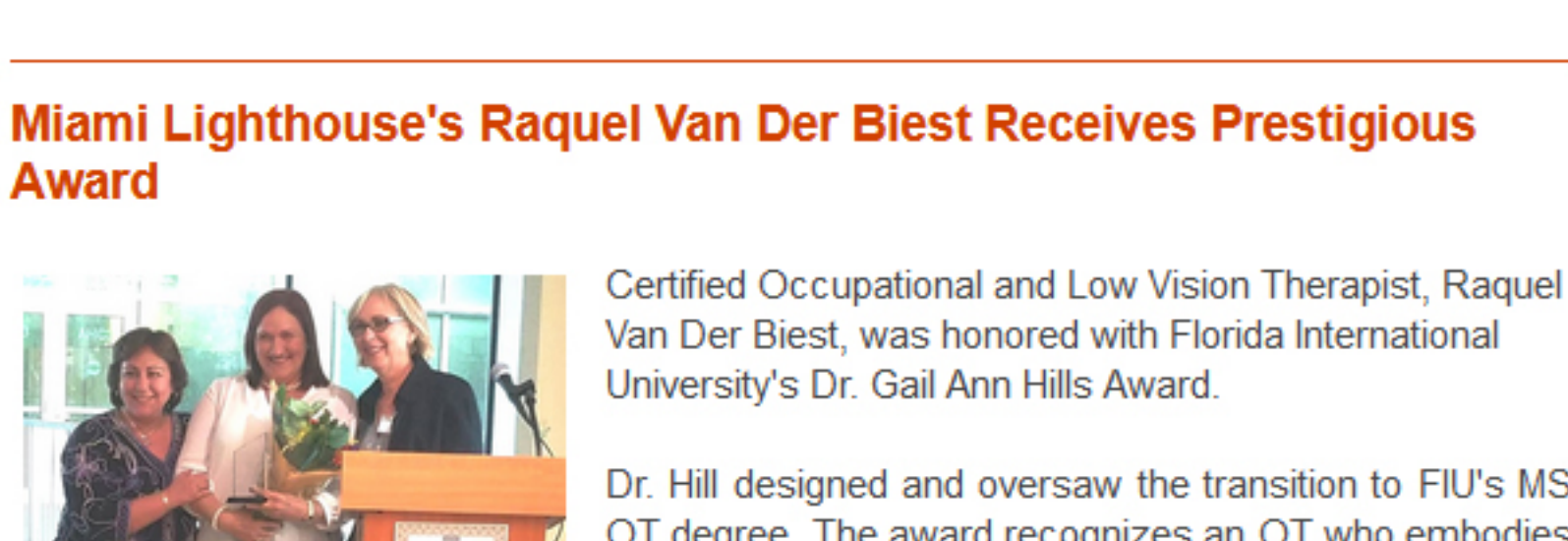
We're proud to announce that our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program has been recognized by "Values Matter Miami" with its "Kindness Matters Award." The Miami-Dade County Public Schools organization expresses the importance of kindness, being sympathetic, helpful, compassionate and gentle toward people and all living things.

Our Heiken Program, providing much needed free eye care to underserved students who would never be able to afford such care, meets and even exceeds all of those fundamental values.

Dr. Alan Levitt, Miami Lighthouse Board Director and Heiken Advisory Committee Member, and Dannielle Dixon, Heiken Children's Vision Program Manager, accept 2018 Values Matter Award.

INK Global Gives Back to Miami Lighthouse

On May 23 INK Global visited Miami Lighthouse as part of their annual "Conference for a Cause." Their mission was to involve real people creating real deliverables. Mission accomplished as twenty-five INK employees volunteered by serving lunch to our clients. The group also raised over \$15,000 to support Miami Lighthouse programs. Thank you to INK Global and to their Miami-based team.



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Miami Lighthouse's Raquel Van Der Biest Receives Prestigious Award



Raquel Van Der Biest receives Florida International University's Dr. Gail Ann Hills Award.

Certified Occupational and Low Vision Therapist, Raquel Van Der Biest, was honored with Florida International University's Dr. Gail Ann Hills Award.

Dr. Hill designed and oversaw the transition to FIU's MS OT degree. The award recognizes an OT who embodies the spirit of Dr. Hill and is currently making an impact as an Occupational Therapist. Because of Raquel's efforts, the FIU Occupational Therapy Department is now a partner with us in a grant from Florida Blue that is bringing low vision assessments to underserved populations as well as training professionals to work with students affected by age-related eye disease.

Raquel has acted as a mentor, educator, role model and visionary in her dedication to serving individuals with low vision, and we are very proud of her. Congratulations, Raquel!

An Evening With Artist Daniel Bottero




Artist Daniel Bottero in his Art Gallery

Join Artist Daniel Bottero on June 12 at 6:00 p.m. at his exclusive Art Gallery located at 3301 NE 1 Ave. in Midtown, for an evening of "fun"raising to benefit Miami Lighthouse. Bottero says art is an expression of the soul, a seduction of all of our senses... and requests the honor of your presence. Proceeds raised will benefit the Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™.

RSVP to milagrosdpdel@gmail.com.

Miami Lighthouse Legislative Luncheon

Help raise awareness about the services and programs Miami Lighthouse for the Blind provides to the community at our Miami Lighthouse Legislative Luncheon sponsored by AT&T on Wednesday, July 11th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Miami Lighthouse. RSVP to Cameron Sisser at csisser@miamilighthouse.org.



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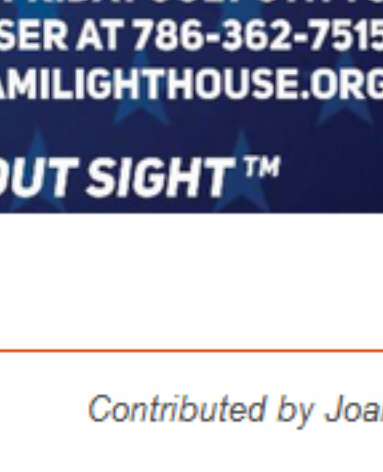
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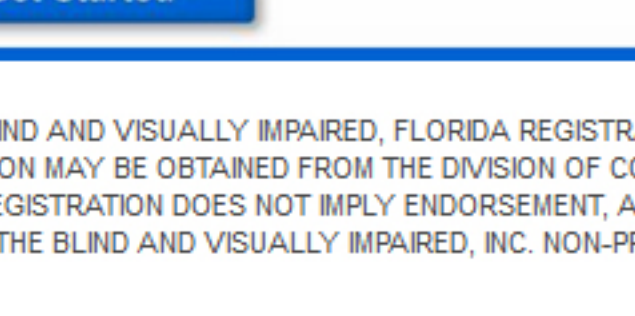
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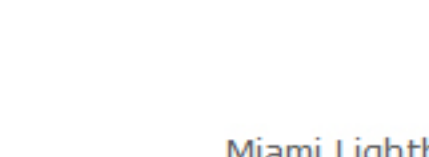
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