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Art Walk at Miami Lighthouse

You are Invited to our 2nd Annual Art Walk

"IT'S POSSIBLE TO SEE ART WITHOUT SIGHT"

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

9:30 AM- 12:30 PM

601 SW 8TH AVENUE

MIAMI, FL 33130

RSVP via Eventbrite or email us at jaleman@miamilighthouse.org

Featuring works from Miami Lighthouse artists
and prominent collaborators from our local arts community

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Join us on March 19th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm as Miami Lighthouse for the Blind brings together the blind artistic community and renowned national artists to make a statement on Miami's historic street art scene.

[“It's Possible To See ART Without Sight”](#) celebrates inclusion, diversity and equity in the arts and will feature lectures with prominent local artists, audience engagement in creation of community art pieces, live music, live performance art and a special little artists zone.

Miami Lighthouse's Art Walk is an inclusive free event for all ages. For any further questions, contact Jennifer Aleman at jaleman@miamilighthouse.org or 786-362-7514.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

“Safe Streets Summit” makes stop at Miami Lighthouse

Safe Streets Summit, a collaborative effort that brings together public officials, technical staff, and community partners to elevate efforts on how to design and implement safe and equitable transportation, recently made a stop at Miami Lighthouse. Our Director for Rehabilitation Programs, Florian Utchitel, and our Technology Literacy Specialist, Oseas de Leon, demonstrated Polara's new, most innovative, Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) system. This system includes Bluetooth capabilities for our blind and visually impaired program participants to use while walking the streets around our campus in Little Havana.

By utilizing the PedApp, as it is called, our blind program participants can use their mobile phones to know the status of a traffic light and/or when the walk signal is displayed. We are optimistic that more first time Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) systems will be installed throughout Miami-Dade County using this exciting new Polara Bluetooth technology.

Thank you to Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Florida Department of Transportation, City of Miami, Polara, Healthy Little Havana, Urban Health Partnerships, and MHCP Colab who made the Safe Streets Summit possible this year!



*Safe Streets Summit attendees on the corner of
SW 8th Ave and SW 6th Street*

Low Vision Awareness Month

Do you know someone affected by vision loss? Check out our Virtual Living with Low Vision Series on our [YouTube page](#) funded by the Florida Blue Foundation. The month of February was Low Vision Awareness Month and our Vision Solutions Center at Miami Lighthouse continued to create awareness about the importance of assistive technology devices, solar shields, and personal management items. All of these items and more are available for our program participants to help them have more independence and confidence. Visit us at [LighthouseShop.org](#) for more information on our products.



Our Umbrella titled, "Little Lighthouse, Big Vision"

In the News:

[Modern Luxury, February 11, 2022 – "Miracle Worker"](#)

[The Blind Guide, January 26, 2022 – "Choosing Assistive Technology for the Classroom: Top Products"](#)

[Miami Herald, January 13, 2022 – "How a Miami school helps kids with a visual impairment see better and improve skills"](#)

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