



## MEDIA ALERT

### MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE DISTRIBUTING FRESH PRODUCE BOXES TO CLIENTS AND FAMILIES ON FRIDAY, MAY 29

WHAT: Distribution of free boxes of organic fruits and vegetables

WHERE: Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
601 Southwest 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33130

WHEN: Friday, May 29, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

DETAILS: **Miami Lighthouse for the Blind** will distribute 160 20-pound boxes of fresh-picked, Florida grown fruits and vegetables to its visually impaired clients and their families. The produce was provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers to Families Food Box Program and the donation was coordinated by **Miami-Dade County Commissioner Eileen Higgins, District 5**.

Client recipients will use Special Transportation Services (STS) and families members will drive their cars into the Miami Lighthouse parking garage to receive their boxes of fresh produce.

“So many of our clients come from lower income families and live in Miami’s inner city,” said Miami Lighthouse President and CEO Virginia Jacko. “These wonderful boxes of magnificent produce will make a real difference in their lives. We are extremely grateful to Commissioner Higgins and U.S. Department of Agriculture for their generosity and concern for others.”

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind offers programs that serve visually impaired residents of all ages from infants in its Blind Babies program and students in its Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ to elderly clients in its Senior Group Activities program. Its Florida Heiken Children’s Vision Program provides free eye examinations and glasses to disadvantaged children in public schools throughout Florida. For more information, contact Cameron Sisser at 786-362-7515.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Media are encouraged to cover the distribution of produce boxes. However, Miami Lighthouse asks that media refrain from announcing this event in advance. The quantity of available produce boxes is limited and Miami Lighthouse wants to avoid turning away those who do not participate in its programs for the visually impaired.