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**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE TEENS INVITE CHAPMAN PARTNERSHIP FOR DAY OF SERVICE
ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is a yearly collaboration between Miami Lighthouse and Chapman Partnership which includes eye exams, a clothing drive, arts and crafts and music.

MIAMI— How do nonprofits celebrate the Martin Luther King Holiday? When 80 students attending the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, they do it with 60 peers from the Chapman Partnership, and this year these school-age children will together celebrate with free eye exams, a clothing drive, arts and crafts, and music provided by Miami Lighthouse Better Chance Music Production Program™ student musicians.

Teen musicians will perform live at 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind (601 S.W. 8th Avenue). An audience of children and adults, including board directors from both organizations will watch the performance. President and CEO Virginia Jacko said "This is an opportunity for children affected by loss of home to witness how students with loss of sight demonstrate 'It's possible to see without sight™', and together schoolchildren of all ages, all ethnicities and backgrounds celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King."

The Miami Lighthouse Transition teenagers have conducted a clothing drive so that their new friends can take these items back to their families and the Chapman Partnership children will also be introduced to making tactile art at Miami Lighthouse's arts and crafts program. "This collaboration empowers these children and teaches them that nothing is impossible when it comes to fulfilling their dreams, just like the example set by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." said Trish Bell, Chairman Emeritus of Chapman Partnership.

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MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT:

*To provide vision rehabilitation
and eye health services
that promote independence,
to collaborate with and educate professionals,
and to conduct research in related fields.*

CHAPMAN PARTNERSHIP MISSION STATEMENT:

*Provide comprehensive services
to empower homeless residents
to become self-sufficient.*