



**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND STUDENTS TO ENJOY SPECIAL SENSORY EXPERIENCE DURING HANDS-ON TOUCH TOUR OF MARLINS PARK ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28**

**WHAT:** Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired Transition program for teenage students will have the opportunity to take part in a hands-on touch tour of Marlins Park, which is located just blocks from the Miami Lighthouse facility. After the tour, the participants will be able to experience the sounds and smells of a baseball game at the ballpark as the Miami Marlins take on the Arizona Diamondbacks.

**WHERE:** **Marlins Park**  
**501 Marlins Way,**  
**Miami, FL 33125**

**WHEN:** **Thursday, June 28, 2018**  
**Arrival at 9:15 a.m. at Media Entrance**

**WHY:** The Touch Tour of Marlins Park will provide the Miami Lighthouse students with a complex sensory experience. The tour will feature a baseball equipment demonstration by Marlins Catcher Bryan Holaday, the students will then visit the indoor batting cages, tour the Marlins radio booth and play a beep ball game on the north lawn adjacent to Marlins Park.

**WHO:** Marlins and former Marlins Charity Partner Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Miami Lighthouse's Transition Program is a year-round program that provides individuals ages 14-22 the opportunity to develop skills to enter the work force or post-secondary education. Students learn important life skills like home and personal management, assistive technology, job readiness, orientation and mobility, social skills and community integration.

***\*\*Media is invited as the Miami Lighthouse group experiences baseball at Marlins Park.\*\****

***About Miami Lighthouse for the Blind***

Established in 1931, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired is the oldest and largest private agency in Florida to serve people of all ages who are blind and visually impaired. It has earned ten consecutive 4-star ratings, the highest rating possible, from Charity Navigator placing the organization among the top 1% of non-profits for fiscal responsibility in the U.S.

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind is a former Charity Partner of the Marlins Foundation and has received over \$100,000 in charitable donations from the team to underwrite the cost of providing vision screenings, comprehensive eye exams and prescription glasses to

underserved inner-city schoolchildren who receive eye care through Miami Lighthouse's subsidiary, the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program. Most recently, Major League Baseball and the Miami Marlins unveiled at the 2017 All-Star Game a newly-purchased, All-Star branded Mobile Eye Care Unit replacing an outdated, 14-year-old vehicle that was in constant need of repair. The new unit has allowed the Miami Lighthouse to expand the important services of free eye examinations and glasses for eligible school children.