

## **Miami Lighthouse Awarded Four New Grants**

Four important new grants awarded recently to Miami Lighthouse will significantly advance our mission of providing the best in vision rehabilitation and eye health services.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries awarded a capacity building grant for the development of Miami Lighthouse Center of Excellence initiatives, and the pursuit of a new social enterprise aimed at helping more people affected by vision impairment.

The Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation has awarded a grant to Miami Lighthouse for the Heiken Children's Vision Program to expand free eye care to low-income schoolchildren who fail state-mandated vision screenings. The Florida Optometric Association through its FOA Charities announced a grant, also to the Heiken Children's Vision Program, to fund a medical director position and community education outreach to parents regarding the importance of early detection of vision problems in children.

The Children's Trust has provided funding for a year-round teenage inclusion music project, in which sighted and blind and visually impaired kids make great music together.

“These funders have our deepest gratitude and our firm commitment to achieving our goals. They deserve a return on their investment, and we are committed to achieving the outcomes proposed in our funding requests,” said CEO Virginia Jacko.