

## **NEI Award to Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program**

The Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program received one of the select national 2020 Healthy Vision Community Awards from the National Eye Institute, part of the National Institute of Health. The competitive award will provide funding to educate Miami-Dade County Public Schools parents, counselors and teachers about the importance of early eye care by community optometrists and comprehensive eye examinations for school children who fail their school vision screening. The intended outcome of the award is to improve the return rate of parental consent forms since our network of optometrists must have a signed consent form before providing an eye examination. Last school year, the Miami Lighthouse Heiken Program provided nearly 5,000 needy children with comprehensive eye examinations and glasses when prescribed.

