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**AGUSTIN ARELLANO SR. RECEIVES COMMENDATION FROM  
COMMISSIONER JOE SANCHEZ FOR PRO BONO WORK FOR  
MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**

MIAMI—August 2, 2007—City of Miami District 3 Commissioner Joe Sanchez presented Agustin Arellano, Sr., with a commendation from the City of Miami Tuesday in recognition of his pro bono general contracting services by Agustin Arellano Construction Co. for the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

At a luncheon gathering of Miami Lighthouse clients, supporters, staff and board members, Commissioner Sanchez praised Arellano for “creating a better Miami and a better Miami Lighthouse.”

“The Miami Lighthouse has been revitalized in the past couple of years, and I am happy to have been able to play a part in that,” Arellano said.

“We are so grateful to Arellano Construction,” said Miami Lighthouse President and CEO Virginia A. Jacko. “We can serve many more clients now, and serve them better, with programs for blind babies so they can learn, for young music professionals so they can find mainstream employment, and with a place where people can learn to stay in shape and regain their confidence about getting around.”

At the luncheon, attendees enjoyed music by Miami Lighthouse musicians, including 14-year-old vocal artist Natalia Sulca.

Arellano Construction built the recently-opened Gloria Martin Third Floor Wing at the Miami Lighthouse pro bono, and persuaded subcontractors to work at cost as well. The Miami Lighthouse, originally in a 900-square-foot building, now has grown to an establishment of 35,000 square feet. The new facilities house the Austin & Marta Weeks Little Lighthouse for blind babies and children, the Henry & Inez Stone Music & Sound Studio and the Rotary Club of Miami Centennial Project Fitness Center.

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Since 1931 Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has provided an

impressive array of rehabilitation and low vision services and training to give blind and visually-impaired people of all ages hope, confidence and independence. The Miami Lighthouse is located at 601 S.W. 8th Avenue, Miami, FL 33130. Visit [www.miamilighthouse.org](http://www.miamilighthouse.org).