



**JEAN ELLEN DUPONT SHEHAN HONORED WITH MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE
“WOMAN OF VISION” AWARD; GLORIA MARTIN COMPLETES
\$1.1 MILLION GIFT**

Contact: Virginia A. Jacko, 305-856-2288, ext. 245
vjacko@miamilighthouse.org

Carolina Santander, 305-856-2288, ext. 293
csantander@miamilighthouse.org

MIAMI—June 13, 2008—Philanthropist Jean Ellen duPont Shehan has been named the Miami Lighthouse Woman of Vision for 2008, in recognition of her generous support of Miami Lighthouse. The award will be presented at a luncheon at Miami Lighthouse June 24.

“It is fitting to honor Jean Ellen on the same occasion when Gloria Martin will present her final gift match of \$351,749.28,” said Miami Lighthouse CEO Virginia A. Jacko. Gloria Martin received the first Woman of Vision award last year in recognition of the largest gift to Miami Lighthouse by a single living donor, an incentive matching gift in the amount of \$1,104,200.60.

“Gloria and Jean Ellen both set a notable example with their philanthropy and community involvement,” CEO Jacko said. “We are glad to honor them both as Women of Vision.”

Mrs. Shehan was President of the Delaware Trust Company, and the first woman to serve on its Board of Directors; she spent 30 years as advisor to seven major trusts. Over the years she has supported many nonprofits.

Gloria Martin came to Miami from Toronto at age 20 and started a number of successful businesses. She owns Sherry's Bag in Pinecrest, and has been a contributor to many philanthropic causes.

The annual Miami Lighthouse Woman of Vision award was established in 2007 to honor notable female philanthropists in our community. This year's luncheon is hosted by three community leaders: Norma Jean Abraham, Shelly Beckwith Rutherford, and Norma Quintero.

###

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind is Florida's largest and oldest agency serving the blind and visually impaired. Each year Miami Lighthouse helps thousands of blind and visually impaired people and their families learn to live safe and independent lives while coping with vision loss, and provides free vision care to thousands of financially disadvantaged children. For more information visit: <http://www.miamilighthouse.org>

OUR MISSION:

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