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We're proud to announce that Miami Lighthouse has earned a 2018 Gold Seal of Transparency from GuideStar USA, the information service specializing in reporting on more than 2.5 million nonprofit U.S. companies.

This recognition highlights the goals, strategies, capabilities, achievements and progress indicators that are the daily basis for the transformational impact our Miami Lighthouse consistently strives to achieve in the world of the visually impaired.



Experts explore legal and business implications of website accessibility.

A panel of legal and technical experts examined the issue of website accessibility for persons with disabilities during a seminar held at the Miami Lighthouse on August 8th. Co-sponsored by the Greater Miami & The Beaches Hotel Association, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, the participants discussed and demonstrated the differences between accessible and non-accessible websites using screen-reading software that visually and hearing impaired persons require to access internet websites. Also discussed in depth was the question of whether public websites were actually accommodating these technologies as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Participating in the panel headed by Virginia Jacko were our legal colleagues Robert Fine of Greenberg Traurig, LLP and Daniel Benavides of Shutts & Bowen, LLP. Also contributing to this important discussion were Miami Lighthouse's technology specialists Bill Rivera and Jorge Hernandez.

Miami Lighthouse is a leader in reviewing corporate and government websites for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. To learn more about screen reading software and website compliance consulting services offered by Miami Lighthouse, contact: Virginia Jacko at Vjacko@miamilighthouse.org or (305) 856-4176.

In case you missed it, Miami Lighthouse was featured on WLRN Sundial talking about how to make your website ADA compliant. [Click here](#) and skip to minute 34 to listen and learn more.



From left to right: Bill Rivera, Miami Lighthouse Senior Accessibility Specialist & Computer Technology Services Manager; Jorge Hernandez, Miami Lighthouse Computer Technology Services Instructor; Daniel F. Benavides, Esq., Partner, Hospitality Practice Group, Shutts & Bowen, LLP; Robert S. Fine, Esq., AIA, National Chair, Disability Rights Laws Counseling and Defense, Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Wendy Kallergis, President and CEO, Greater Miami & the Beaches Hotel Association; Virginia A. Jacko, President and CEO, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind; William D. Talbert, President and CEO, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau

Miami Lighthouse to perform live music to the iconic silent movie, The Great Train Robbery, at Arts Launch 2018!

Join the Miami Lighthouse Band on **Saturday, September 8th, at 6 p.m** for a unique take on one the most iconic silent movies of all time, The Great Train Robbery. Our terrific band will present the silent movie with live music, featuring Miami Lighthouse's nationally recognized blind musicians playing alongside their sighted peers. If you've never heard them, you are in for a treat.

The Annual Arts Launch is a day of fun to enjoy with your family. There will be family activities, mini performances, a community arts village of more than 100 arts and cultural organizations, chef demonstrations and much more!

The performance, which is complimentary, will take place at the **Arsht Center's Carnival Theater located at 1300 Biscayne Blvd.** If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Cristina Bravo at cbravo@miamilighthouse.org.



Miami Lighthouse Band

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