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A Look Back at 2020 and a Hope for the Future

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind has continued to provide outstanding programming throughout the COVID-19 pandemic focusing on health equity, diversity and inclusion, all in order to keep our blind and visually impaired program participants safe, active, and engaged while at home. Here on our campus, we have taken significant measures to safeguard the health of our program participants and our employees. Since March 2020, when we transitioned to our remote delivery model, we have continued to serve all of our program participants and gradually brought back students, clients and patients into the facility.



Distance Learning

Highlights from some of our programs include Front Porch Support for our Senior Group Activities clients. This program provides therapeutic activities such as arts and crafts as well as one-on-one counseling and support sessions. Our staff maintains constant contact with clients, frequently checking on their needs. We have also provided over 500 meals to our most vulnerable clients in partnership with Miami-Dade County Commissioner Eileen Higgins and the Lions for the Blind. Additionally, materials for instructional activities such as aids and appliances from our Low Vision Center and personal protective equipment such as masks have all been delivered. Our teenagers have benefited from additional training to master software such as Jaws, Zoom and Microsoft Office Suite, all necessary in the increasingly online world we live in today.



Front Porch Support

Lighthouse Learning Center Expansion Underway

The Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ is our fully inclusive childhood program for children with and without visual impairments. In truth, we have created something very special and have been so successful since first opening the Center's doors in 2016 that we've run out of classrooms to meet the increasing demand. Additional space is vital for us to meet our current needs and expand access for our growing enrollment.

The Light the Way campaign is a one-for-one matching challenge in support of our Learning Center for Children's expansion. The continued success of this important and totally innovative program is greatly dependent on the success of our Light the Way campaign. Begin 2021 by helping support our blind and sighted children by clicking [here](#).



Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ expansion

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