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Our Lions Clubs made this Thanksgiving Holiday extra special

Our deepest thanks goes out to Lions District 35-N Hunger Relief Committee for hosting a food distribution event at Miami Lighthouse. Approximately 90% of the program participants we serve are from underserved populations living in poverty zones. Food insecurity is a serious problem with our blind adults and children. Each day, we serve nearly 200 meals to our Academy schoolchildren and our adult clients. We applaud Miami Springs Lions Club President and Hunger Relief Committee Chair Elizabeth Fisher for bringing food on a monthly basis for our low income Academy students and thank the entire Lions Hunger Relief Committee for helping combat food insecurity among our blind families.



Lions District 35-N Hunger Relief Committee delivers food for families in our Miami Lighthouse Academy

We are grateful to the Lions for the Blind for living up to Helen Keller's challenge for the Lions to become "knights for the blind in the crusade against darkness". Lions for the Blind President Nelly Martinez, along with other Lions, hosted a savory Thanksgiving lunch of turkey, potatoes, green beans and pumpkin pie at Miami Lighthouse for our adult clients. We also applaud Publix and Trader Joe's for remembering our program participants during the holiday season with food donations. Support from the community is crucial and we ask you to [make a donation today](#) to help end food insecurity in our blind community.



Lions for the Blind serve Thanksgiving Lunch to our Program Participants

Miami Lighthouse Teenagers visit Restaurant Brands International

Some corporations only talk about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), but Restaurant Brands International (RBI) CEO Jose Cil leads corporate America every day in practicing DEI to the fullest. We thank Jose and the entire RBI Team for treating Miami Lighthouse for the Blind teenagers enrolled in our Pre-Employment Transition Program, a program funded by the Florida Division of Blind Services, with a delicious Thanksgiving lunch spread and instilling knowledge about the many careers available with Burger King, Popeye's, and all RBI Brands.



RBI CEO Jose Cil, Chief People & Services Officer Jeff Housman with Miami Lighthouse Pre-Employment Transition Program students

ZEISS Vision Care makes donation to Miami Lighthouse

During their company retreat to Miami, Zeiss Vision Care selected Miami Lighthouse as their charity to give back to the community. We thank the Carl Zeiss Foundation for the generous donation and to the Zeiss employees who made their own donations above and beyond the company. The Zeiss contribution helps make it "possible to see without sight!"



Jens Boy, President of Zeiss Vision Care, presents check to Miami Lighthouse Senior Vice President for External Relations Cameron Sisser

In the News:

- [Miami Herald, November 24, 2022 – "She's a 'crochet machine' and legally blind but that hasn't stopped her from giving. Now it's your turn."](#)
- [Newsweek, November 8, 2022 – "Mom Backed for Refusing To Take Blind Child To The Pool: 'Nervous'"](#)
- [City & State Pennsylvania, November 7, 2022 – "How Fetterman's stroke changed his campaign – and the disability conversation"](#)

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