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MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE TRANSITION STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE HANDS-ON TOUCH TOUR OF MARLINS PARK ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- WHO:** Marlins Foundation and Marlins Ayudan along with past Marlins Charity Partner Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- WHAT:** Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired Transition program students will have the opportunity to take part in a hands-on touch tour of Marlins Park, which is located just blocks from the Miami Lighthouse facility. After the tour, the participants will be able to experience the sounds and smells of the ballpark as the Marlins take on the Nationals. Miami Lighthouse's Transition Program is a year-round program that provides individuals ages 14-22 the opportunity to develop skills to enter the work force or post secondary education. Students learn important life skills like home and personal management, assistive technology, job readiness, orientation and mobility, social skills and community integration.
- WHERE:** Marlins Park
501 Marlins Way,
Miami, FL 33125
- WHEN:** Wednesday, June 22
10:00 a.m. – Arrival
- WHY:** Miami Lighthouse for the Blind is a past Charity Partner of the Marlins Foundation and received over \$50,000 in charitable donations from the team to underwrite the cost of providing vision screenings, comprehensive eye exams and prescription glasses to underserved inner-city schoolchildren who receive eye care through Miami Lighthouse's subsidiary, the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program.

**** Media is invited to observe as the Miami Lighthouse group experiences baseball at Marlins Park. ****

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About Marlins Community Impact

The Marlins Foundation and Community Outreach efforts support the Charity Partners of the Miami Marlins through philanthropy and service. The Foundation is committed to improving the lives of our youth through education, the arts and baseball, with a focus on children with special needs. The funds raised by the Foundation provide unique experiences for kids in our schools, parks, and on the water. Since the Ballpark was approved, the Marlins Foundation has gifted over \$5 Million to South Florida charities and Marlins Ayudan has performed over 30,000 hours of service. Marlins Ayudan is our employee volunteer corps willing and ready to effectuate positive change in the South Florida community. The Marlins endeavor to be a leader in Corporate Social Responsibility and civic engagement.

About Miami Lighthouse for the Blind

Established in 1931, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired is the oldest and largest private agency in Florida to serve people of all ages who are blind and visually impaired. It has earned eight consecutive 4-star ratings, the highest rating possible, from Charity Navigator placing the organization among the top 2% of non-profits for fiscal responsibility in the U.S. Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired serves over 13,000 program participants annually; 27-times as many since 2004. Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired strived to enforce its slogan that - it's possible to see without sight™.