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**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND ANNOUNCES ITS FOURTH ANNUAL  
EVENT TO BENEFIT THE HEIKEN CHILDREN'S VISION PROGRAM**

*"Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Miami"*

**MIAMI — April 13, 2011** — Miami Lighthouse invites the community to attend the fourth annual "Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Miami" featuring delicious samplings from Miami area restaurants, Wednesday, April 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at our facility located at 601 SW 8th Avenue. The Heiken Children's Vision Program provides free comprehensive eye examinations and glasses when prescribed to low-income public school students who fail state-mandated school vision screenings. There is an \$80 donation to attend the event which commemorates the 80th birthday of Miami Lighthouse and covers most of the cost to provide free eye care and glasses for one low-income child who fails a state-mandated school vision screening.

"This is a special evening to help raise awareness and financial support for the many thousands of low-income children in our community who need our help to achieve educational success," said Virginia A. Jacko, President & CEO of Miami Lighthouse. The Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program is the only entity in Florida with the experience, capacity, programming, and community support to ensure that needy children in the public school system can receive a comprehensive eye examination and necessary eyeglasses. This school year the Heiken Program will complete over 6,000 eye exams, and more than 75% of the students will be prescribed eyeglasses, but the need is even greater.

Local restaurants will sponsor food stations at the indoor/outdoor event, and attendees can also enjoy a tour of the Miami Lighthouse facility. The restaurant and beverage providers include: Gibraltar, Casa Juancho, Perricone's Marketplace, Starbucks Coffee, El Carajo, Gulf Discount Liquors & Wine Merchants, Chocolate Fashion, Grazie Italian Cuisine, Seasons 52 Fresh Grill, Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant, Shorty's Bar-B-Q, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, Gold Coast Beverage Distributors, CA Catering and The Crepe Station courtesy of Dr. Barry Burak and Affiliated Healthcare Centers, Inc.

The event is sponsored by Baptist Health South Florida, Essilor Laboratories of America, Transitions Optical, SMF Energy Corporation, Essilor of America, Low VisionAids Inc., Sir Speedy Printing and Marketing Services, GrayRobinson Attorneys at Law, Verdeja & De Armas Certified Public Accountants, VSP Labs, DadePaper, and Kodak Lens by Signet Armorlite. Event tickets are \$80 per person, benefiting the Heiken Children's Vision Program. To reserve, call 786-362-7514. Valet parking is complimentary.

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Miami Lighthouse has been transforming lives over the past eighty years at the same location, with clients of all ages ranging from blind babies to seniors with low vision.

**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

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