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A MONTHLY BLOG FROM MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

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## Ocean Reef Community Foundation awards Miami Lighthouse \$10,000 grant for Heiken Children's Vision Program.

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation generously awarded \$10,000 to our Miami Lighthouse's Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program to help us support 830 comprehensive eye examinations for low-income children in Homestead, Florida City, and the Keys by March 1, 2020.

With assistance from foundations like the Ocean Reef Community Foundation and supplemental funding from The Children's Trust and the Florida Department of Health, the goal of the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program is to assure that all financially disadvantaged schoolchildren who fail their vision screening statewide have access to a comprehensive eye examination including dilation and glasses to ensure academic success at no cost to families. During the 2017-2018 school years, our Heiken subsidiary received 13,942 requests and provided 10,571 eye examinations statewide.

The importance of our Heiken Program continues to be reinforced by research. The National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health reported in their article A Snapshot of Current National Issues that "Uncorrected vision problems can impair child development, interfere with learning, and even lead to permanent vision loss; early detection and treatment are critical."

We thank the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for their generous support of our Heiken Children's Vision Program as they help us provide the gift of clear vision to needy schoolchildren.



*Ocean Reef Community Foundation presents check.  
Left to right: Jay Holmes, Nanette Elenbaas, CEO Virginia Jacko,  
VP for External Relations Cameron Sisser, and Janie Sims.*

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## **It's "Music Under The Stars" time.**

May 15th is just two weeks away and we hope you have a note on your calendar to attend one of the year's most entertaining evenings here at our Miami Lighthouse.

You'll be sure to enjoy great music and fine cuisine at our Annual Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Miami. Sip delicious mojitos in our garden while listening to the foot tapping rhythms of Latin Jazz. Attend our exciting silent auction in the lobby area and bid on wonderful items like art gallery pieces, assorted gift certificates, and hotel stays in the Caribbean. Enjoy the delicious offerings of outstanding local restaurants such as Caffe Abbracci, Perricone's Market Place and many others. And don't miss our 4th Floor for truly luscious desserts and even more music!

It will certainly be an evening to remember and we look forward to seeing you there. To purchase tickets [click here!](#)



*Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Miami Invitation.*

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## **A Shared Vision That is Transforming Lives.**

We are so proud to tell you that our dear friend and Board Director, Dr. Harry W. Flynn, Jr., M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and the J. Donald M. Gass Chair in Ophthalmology at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine, was honored by the University's Faculty Senate with the highly prestigious Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award in recognition of outstanding achievement and dedication.

Dr. Flynn, at the ceremony on April 8th on the Coral Gables campus, talked about the longstanding association between the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and our Miami Lighthouse which dates back to the late 1940's when Dr. Bascom Palmer was our Chairman of the Board and Miami Lighthouse provided the University of Miami School of Medicine with the land and most of the funds needed to construct Bascom Palmer's original building. Wouldn't Dr. Palmer be delighted to know a relationship that began decades ago between two empowering organizations continues to strive with both Dr. Flynn and Dr. Thomas Johnson representing the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute on our Board of Directors today?

We are certainly proud of Dr. Flynn and are so pleased by the ongoing fruitful association between the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



*Board Director Dr. Harry W. Flynn and CEO Virginia Jacko at the University of Miami Faculty Senate Annual Awards Ceremony.*

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## Let's Go Shopping!

You are invited to Shop & Stroll, benefiting Miami Lighthouse, on Thursday, May 16th, at The Shops at Merrick Park. The 6 to 9 PM event will provide a fun evening of progressive shopping complete with sips, savories, specials and surprises at all your favorite stores. There will be an exclusive raffle offered by Bentley Miami, as well as live entertainment courtesy of The Motivational Edge.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 that evening and are available at [MerrickShopandStroll.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/merrick-shop-and-stroll-tickets-54444444444).



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FEATURING

Exclusive Raffle Offer by Bentley Miami | Nautiq Rose distributed by House of Wine & Spirits  
Live Entertainment Courtesy of The Motivational Edge

Wristbands provided at Check-In between Sawa & Brasserie Central

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*Shop & Stroll Invitation.*

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## In the News:

- [MarTech Zone, April 25, 2019- "Not Everyone Can See your Website"](#)
- [University of Miami, April 9, 2019- "Pivotal faculty making a positive impact"](#)
- [Miami Herald, April 5, 2019 - "They may be visually impaired, but they love playing soccer"](#)

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*Contributed by Joan Spector*

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