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September was designated Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Month. The Miami Herald cited Miami Lighthouse for its prominent role in promoting public recognition of the top cause of pediatric visual disabilities in the developed world.

“CVI too often goes undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, and without appropriate follow-up care and education plans,” noted Miami Lighthouse President & CEO Virginia Jacko. “That’s why Miami Lighthouse is conducting early assessment and intervention for students with CVI, and is committed to building strong collaborations with South Florida pediatric neurologists, ophthalmologists, and developmental optometrists.”

Miami Lighthouse is proud to serve as a community resource to parents of children with this disorder and all other causes of visual impairment. To read Virginia's Open Mic article in *The Miami Herald* [click here](#).

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Our Miami Lighthouse Academy starts training students as young as 5 years of age as a means of enhancing their blindness skills. We set the standard of excellence in blindness training by utilizing the most superior technologies such as digital recorders, Close Caption units (CCTV's), screen reading / magnification software, hand-held magnifiers, Optical Character Recognition devices, OrCam reading devices, talking clock and other peripherals such as 20/20 pens and talking calculators all available at LighthouseShop.org.



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Join us for our annual National White Cane Day Walk

Put on your sneakers and join Miami Lighthouse as we celebrate National White Cane Day on Friday, October 15th, starting at 8:30am. Elected officials and other community leaders will join more than 100 blind and visually impaired Miami residents for a walk on the streets of Miami and a celebration in commemoration of White Cane Day.

The program will begin with participants, escorted by City of Miami Police and Fire Departments, walking together from the Miami Lighthouse campus, down Southwest 8th Street and back. The celebration will continue at Miami Lighthouse with food and music, featuring performers from the Miami Lighthouse Music Program. Grand Marshalls include Miami-Dade County Commissioner Eileen Higgins, City of Miami Commissioner Joe Carollo, representatives from the Florida Division of Blind Services Miami District Office and Billy the Marlin.

Event sponsors include presenting sponsors Florida Blue, High Standard Home Care and Uber, along with McDonald's, Starbucks, OrCam, Vispero, Ambutech, Lions for the Blind, TracFone and others. If you cannot attend, you can still contribute virtually by supporting our program participants by [clicking here](#).



White Cane Day Walk 2019

Will you be joining us for our See the Light Luncheon?

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 20th for our See the Light luncheon which will be held at The Biltmore Hotel. An inspirational keynote address will be given by Marin Baumer, a Miami Lighthouse program participant. You will not want to miss our Miami Lighthouse United Voices Choir and a special performance by early learners in our Miami Lighthouse Academy. CBS-4 Miami reporter Jessica Vallejo will emcee. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 11:30 a.m. with lunch taking place from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Sponsors include H. Angela Whitman Foundation, PNC Bank, Raul Leal, NEA Insurance Group and Norma Jean Abraham. RSVP by October 15th to Cameron Sisser at csisser@miamilighthouse.org or 786-362-7515.

See the Light Luncheon

Inspirational Keynote Address

The Impact of My Training at Miami Lighthouse

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT OUR COMPLIMENTARY

See the Light Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

Wine & Passed Hors d'oeuvres 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Biltmore Hotel

Country Club Ballroom

1200 Anastasia Avenue • Coral Gables, Florida 33134

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See the Light Luncheon Invitation

In the News:

[AgeWise Newsletter, September 24, 2021 – "Is Your Website Truly Accessible to Seniors With Vision Impairment?"](#)

[Marketing Interactive, September 22, 2021 – "#AOTYAwards 2021 spills: Fostering a family-like culture at Finn Partners"](#)

[Miami's Community News, September 13, 2021 – "Miami Lighthouse Providing Free Access to Eye Health Services"](#)

[Miami Herald, September 8, 2021 – "Get your child's eyes checked for impairments"](#)

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