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Music Under the Stars Celebrates 30 Years of Providing Comprehensive Eye Exams and Glasses at No Cost to Underserved School Children

Music Under the Stars... Bon Appétit Miami treated guests on Wednesday, May 25th to an evening of entertainment and culinary delights with proceeds from the highly successful annual event benefiting Miami Lighthouse's Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program.



Nancy Harrison and Board Director Pete Harrison



Loretta Morris and Board Director Dr. Stephen Morris



Susan Shelley and Board Director Robin Shelley



Board Director Debbie Montilla and Manuel Montilla



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Board Director Scott Richey and Miami Lighthouse Academy Board Officer Karla Richey

The event honored Johnson & Johnson Vision and Lions Clubs International Foundation for addressing health equity in eye care and Florida State Legislators for their commitment to our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program. Evening entertainment featured the amazing Miami Lighthouse Band and was emceed by Olga Villaverde, host of The Health Channel's Balancing Act.



Event Honorees representing Lions Clubs International Foundation and Johnson & Johnson Vision Sight for Kids: Lion Alan Campbell, Lion Diana Castillo, Lion Jane Colona and Board Director Lion Stacey Jones.



Event Emcee Olga Villaverde, Honoree State Representative Nick Duran represented by Yolanda Abrams and Senior Vice President Cameron Sisser

Generous sponsors included ABB Optical Group, Publix Super Markets Charities, Florida Power & Light, Walgreens, Baptist Health South Florida, Verdeja, De Armas & Trujillo, LLP, Grove Bank & Trust, GrayRobinson, Celebrity Cruises, H. Angela Whitman Foundation, Genesis Systems Consulting, Monster Sound Productions, Biz Solutions, Susan Conroy Design, Perry Ellis International, Miami Kids Magazine, and Affiliated Healthcare Centers, Inc.



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Our hats off to YouTube and Florida Blue!

Are you familiar with [YouTube](#)? If not, we urge you to visit our Miami Lighthouse [YouTube](#) page [here](#). This remarkable channel has many outstanding features, including one that helps Miami Lighthouse provide important opportunities for seniors in our community with limited resources to improve the quality of their life in a safe, structured environment.

We are grateful for this opportunity to accomplish our mission due to a grant from the Florida Blue Foundation. The grant allows us to put on “Living With Low Vision” presentations on [YouTube](#) to help educate our elderly population on the most common age-related eye conditions such as Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma and Cataracts.



"Living with Low Vision" YouTube presentation supported by a grant from the Florida Blue Foundation

CEO Jacko and Senior Vice President Sisser featured in Miami Today's Best of Miami

President and CEO Virginia Jacko and Senior Vice President Cameron Sisser were selected as two of forty people as Miami Today's Best of Miami, a celebration of the newspapers 40th Anniversary.

The Best of Miami focusses on the achievement of individuals in multiple areas on a single topic, with the chosen younger person offering an outlook on the topic. To read the article in [Miami Today click here](#).



In the News:

- [Social Miami, May, 2022 – "Miami Truly Needs an Inclusive Workforce"](#)
- [Miami Today, May 26, 2022 – "Virginia Jacko uses community partnerships at Lighthouse"](#)
- [Aventura Community News, May 2, 2022 – "Commissioner Heyman Sponsors 2nd Annual 'Cops, Kids & Community Friendship thru Fishing' at Haulover Park"](#)

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