



**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED, INC. RECEIVES \$3,000 GRANT FROM THE DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT SUMMER LITERACY**

Miami, FL – **June 3, 2014** – This week, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc. a \$3,000 grant to support summer literacy.

“This award will be used to purchase equipment to facilitate more immediate access to print material for our blind and visually impaired children, and its utilization during the summer and in the following year-round Braille and Technology Literacy Program will result in an increase in the literacy of our children,” according to Virginia A. Jacko, President and CEO of Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

“At Dollar General, we are passionate about our mission of **Serving Others** throughout the communities we serve,” said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General’s chairman and CEO. “It’s exciting to see the Dollar General Literacy Foundation’s outreach in action as we partner with organizations to further education and literacy and make a real difference in people’s lives.”

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired will provide intensive literacy instruction for blind and visually impaired students from June 6 through June 13, followed by a comprehensive summer camp from June 16-July 25, 2014. Children ages 5 to 13 will improve their Braille reading and writing, computer literacy, using a variety of technologies, aids and appliances. Activities will include; reading-aloud, guided reading, action reading, shared reading, comprehension monitoring, retelling and creative literacy response, vocabulary, sound letter correspondence, sentence structure, role playing, discussions, and writing. Computer Activities will include touch typing, keyboarding, word processing, internet, and talking typer.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$92 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than five million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

**About Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.**

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc. (Miami Lighthouse) is the largest and oldest private, nonprofit agency serving the blind and visually impaired in Florida. We provide rehabilitation and training for the estimated 60,000 residents living in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties who are blind or visually impaired (estimate from *Prevalence of Visual Impairment in Florida by County*, Florida Association Agencies Serving the Blind, 2013). According to this estimate, Miami-Dade County has the largest number of visually impaired residents of all the counties in Florida. Our mission is to provide vision rehabilitation and eye health services that promote independence, to collaborate with and educate professionals, and to conduct research in related fields.

**About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education as part of the company's mission of **Serving Others** for over 20 years. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$92 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than five million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit [www.dgliteracy.org](http://www.dgliteracy.org).

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