

## MEDIA ALERT

## MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE TO DEDICATE CHARLES J. and OLGA NIELSON FAMILY PLAYGROUND

<u>WHERE:</u> Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

601 Southwest 8th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33130

WHEN: Monday, December 17, 2018, Beginning at 11 a.m.

<u>WHAT:</u> Elected officials, civic leaders and philanthropists will gather at Miami

Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired for its Lighthouse Learning Center for Children<sup>TM</sup> Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Naming

Tribute to the Charles J. and Olga Nielson Family Playground.

The new playground has been named in honor of Charles J. and Olga Nielson who will announce during the ceremony a \$1million gift to Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children<sup>TM</sup> to fund a major classroom expansion.

The new playground will provide a creative and safe outdoor environment for Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children whose enrollment in three years has quadrupled from 15 students to 60 in the upcoming academic year.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez will be in attendance, along with other City and County government officials, and representatives of the business community including Alex Suarez, Project Executive and Jorge Munilla, President MCM, the General Contractor for the new Learning Center. Architects from Wolfberg Alvarez will also be in attendance.

The program will feature a performance by the Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children<sup>TM</sup> pre-school students. Additionally, each pre-schooler will receive a Braille story book, a holiday gift donated by the Saul and Theresa Esman Foundation.

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