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MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE RATED IN THE 99TH PERCENTILE OF U.S. CHARITIES BY NATIONAL EVALUATOR CHARITY NAVIGATOR



MIAMI, September 3, 2019 – Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has received its 12th consecutive 4-star rating, the highest rating possible, from Charity Navigator placing us in the top 1% of the over 9,000 charities rated in the U.S. We are currently the only nonprofit in Miami to have attained this highly coveted status.

Miami Lighthouse President and CEO Virginia Jacko expressed pride in receiving Charity Navigator's 12th consecutive 4-star rating. "This consistent record of recognition by America's premier evaluator of charitable organizations reflects Miami Lighthouse's long-term commitment to providing the highest level of service to our more than 22,000 program participants and the highest degree of value to our donors," said CEO Jacko.

Michael Thatcher, Charity Navigator's President and CEO, wrote "Only 1% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 12 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation sets Miami Lighthouse apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

Celebrating 90 years of service to the community, our mission is “Through education, training, research and vision enhancement, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides hope, confidence, and independence to people of all ages.” Employing nationally recognized best practices and evidence-based curricula, programs for people throughout Miami-Dade County cover all ages ranging from early intervention for blind babies and Pre-Kindergarten for three- and four-year-old children and kindergarten for visually impaired students to low vision rehabilitation for seniors. Our subsidiary, Florida Heiken Children’s Vision Program, provides eye care at no cost to underserved children throughout Florida. In 2019, Miami Lighthouse anticipates serving 28,000 individuals. For more information go to www.miamilighthouse.org

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