



Dear Miami Lighthouse Friends & Family,

We have started preparing for our Annual White Cane Safety Day Walk and festivities, which will take place on October 15th. On this day, the blind and visually impaired community will assemble at Miami Lighthouse to celebrate this nationally recognized day.

Initiated by the Miami Lions Club in 1931, Miami Lighthouse is the oldest agency in the State providing services to the blind and visually impaired. In 2006 with the closing of the Lions Home for the Blind, its many participants joined the Miami Lighthouse Social Group Activities Program. All White Cane Day donations will be used to support this program, which was started by the Lions. Your help is urgently needed at this time because the County can no longer provide the level of funding needed to provide this service for the blind.

Imagine closing your eyes and crossing Eighth Street with nothing more than a cane to guide you; this is what the many clients who attend the Miami Lighthouse do on a daily basis. We are asking the community to help us raise awareness for the often overlooked issue of White Cane Safety, which includes the White Cane Law and Public Accommodation Law.

How can you help? Whether you volunteer to assist with the event, take part in the walk or make a donation to the Lighthouse on behalf of one of the many clients who will participate in the White Cane Day Walk, your contribution will make all the difference.

I hope we can count on your valued support. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Yours gratefully,

Virginia A. Jacko  
President & Chief Executive Officer

*Photo courtesy of In Focus magazine*

## White Cane Day Details

The Miami Lighthouse has organized a fun-filled day to entertain as well as educate the public on blindness issues, and the **White Cane Law** which protects blind and visually impaired pedestrians.

Keynote speaker **Paul Edwards**, President of the Florida Council of the Blind (FCB), will speak on the topic "Can Technology Replace Braille?"

### Event Timeline

**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2010

**Where:** Miami Lighthouse for the Blind  
601 SW 8th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33130

**8:30 a.m.** Registration and Breakfast  
*Provided by Coral Way Columbian Lions Club*

**9:45 a.m.** Walk Begins

**10:30 a.m.** Speakers, Raffle and Entertainment

**12:00 p.m.** Lunch Served

For additional information please contact Kristina Pham at 786-362-7514 or [kpham@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:kpham@miamilighthouse.org)

## Did you know?

- ◆ Miami Lighthouse is coming up on 80 years of service to the blind and visually impaired community.
- ◆ In 2006 the Lions Home for the Blind closed and participants moved to the Miami Lighthouse Social Group Activities Programs.
- ◆ There are approximately more than 67,000 blind and visually impaired adults living in Miami-Dade County.
- ◆ In the 2008-2009 school year our Heiken Children's Vision Program's three mobile units made trips to almost 300 schools and provided 5,000 needy children with free eye examinations and glasses, when prescribed.
- ◆ Miami Lighthouse transforms the lives of more than 7,000 program participants annually.

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Participation/ Donation Information

*\$5 suggested contribution for the visually impaired  
\$20 for all other participants*

**Help us reach our goal by raising \$80 in sponsorships!**  
*(Sign up form on reverse)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be participating in the walk.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to participate, but would like to volunteer.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend, but would like to make a contribution.

Contribution amount \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: Visa MC AMEX Discover

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send completed form and payment to:*  
Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc.  
601 SW 8th Avenue • Miami, FL 33130  
Phone: 305-856-2288  
Fax: 305-856-6437

### Waiver

In signing this release, I (we) acknowledge that I (we) understand the intent thereof, and I (we) hereby agree and will absolve and hold harmless Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., corporate sponsors, cooperating organizations, and any other parties connected with this event in any way, singly or collectively, from and against any blame and liability for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss, inconvenience or damage hereby suffered or sustained as a result of participation in the Walk or any activities associated herewith. I (we) also hereby consent to and permit emergency treatment in the event of injury or illness. I (we) grant full permission for organizers to use photographs of me (us) and quotations from me (us) in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

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Signature of Participant

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Signature of Guardian if under 18

