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Miami Lighthouse for the Blind program helps bridge the gap for blind preschoolers through a unique curriculum.

To view the video, [click here](#).



Our Pre-K students having fun during reading time.

Tradition! Tradition! Time to honor our volunteers

Continuing the tradition started by David McCrea's grandmother, the Miami Lighthouse held its annual McCrea Family Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Valentine's Day. The luncheon was underwritten by the McCrea Family Foundation. Held in our Wildflower Foundation Gallery, Alan Campbell, President of the Miami Lion's Club, was the first to be recognized with the presentation of a beautifully mounted replica of a letter written by Helen Keller in 1942.



2017 Valentine's Luncheon honoring Miami Lighthouse Volunteer Board Directors
Left to Right: Pablo Gonzalez, George Foyo, Angela Whitman, CEO Virginia Jacko, Honorary Director Audrey Ross, Legal Counsel Rene Gonzalez-Llorens and Board Director Alfred Karram, Jr.

The Miami Lighthouse Band played music throughout the event attended by many volunteers, with Music Program client Danays Bautista singing "America the Beautiful" in lieu of a formal invocation. CEO Virginia Jacko announced the Volunteers of the Year: Rita Stone and Karen Calderon as well as Lion Fred Morris. Recognitions and awards also went to Delta Gamma Sorority's Beta Tau Chapter, for their important volunteer work throughout the year.

UM's Delta Gamma Sorority continues their philanthropic mission

Donations from the charity-minded sorority's annual Anchor Splash fundraiser were donated to Miami Lighthouse. The Delta Gammas are always ready and willing to help out at Miami Lighthouse. Most recently, they were beautiful additions to the welcome committee at our 85th Anniversary Gala at the Biltmore Hotel. Thanks, ladies. We think you're terrific!



Delta Gammas at the Miami Lighthouse 85th Diamond Anniversary Celebration

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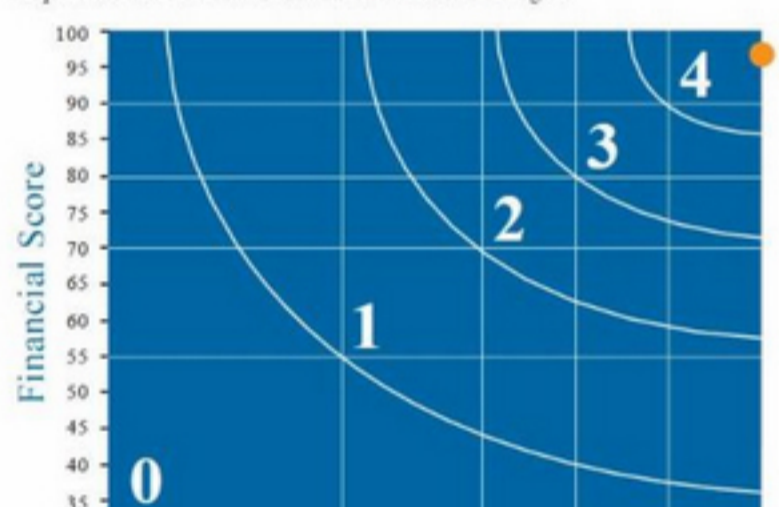
Pardon us for sounding proud, but Charity Navigator has once again rated Miami Lighthouse among the nation's top 39 nonprofits. Miami Lighthouse has received its ninth consecutive 4-star rating -- a distinction achieved by only two charities in Florida. This important evaluation is based upon transparency, financial strength, and the fact that only seven cents of every donor dollar goes to administrative costs. Our 4-star rating, the highest rating possible, assures donors that their investment in our nonprofit will be used wisely for program support.

We have achieved this recognition thanks to our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors and community supporters.



CHARITY NAVIGATOR SCORE DECEMBER 1, 2016

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired is rated nationally among the top 1% of the 8,000 charities rated by Charity Navigator. In other words, we are among the elite 39 charities in the U.S. that have received nine consecutive 4-star ratings from the nation's premier independent nonprofit evaluator Charity Navigator reflecting our sound fiscal management, responsible use of donor dollars and financial strength.



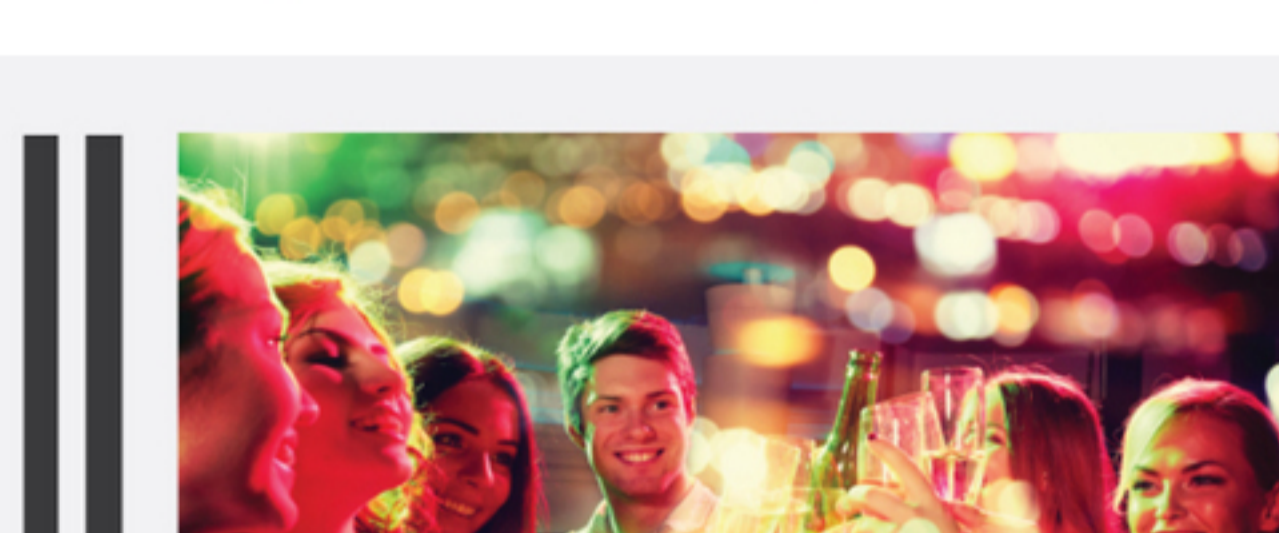
	SCORE (out of 100)	RATING
OVERALL	98.06	★★★★
* Financial	97.27	★★★★
* Accountability & Transparency	100	★★★★



Source: Miami Lighthouse listing on Charity Navigator website www.charitynavigator.org

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