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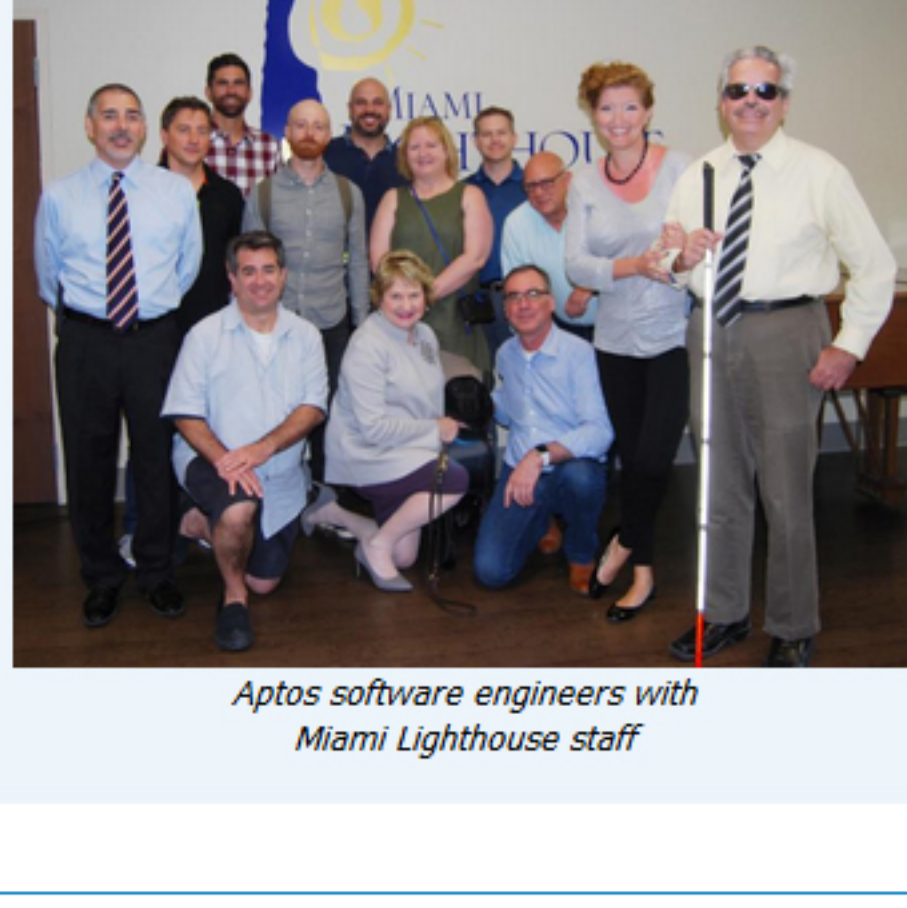
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## Aptos Volunteer Day!

We are grateful to Aptos software engineers who spent time at Miami Lighthouse volunteering. The team helped install new software in our accessibility lab, learned about sound engineering in our music studio, helped in our arts and crafts area and served lunch to our clients.



Aptos software engineers with Miami Lighthouse staff

## Sounds delicious! "Music Under The Stars: Bon Appétit Brickell City Centre" scheduled for May 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Get ready for a night to remember! This year's exciting "Music Under The Stars" will be held at Brickell City Centre and will celebrate 25 years of providing free eye exams and prescription glasses for underserved schoolchildren. The evening promises to be filled with fine wine, great cuisine and special musical performances. Guests will enjoy a fabulous silent auction with getaways, spa packages, restaurant gift certificates, and much more. A raffle will be held to win gift certificates from Brickell City Centre shops. The annual event benefits our subsidiary the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program.



The spectacular Miami Lighthouse musicians at 2016 Music Under the Stars

This year, we will be honoring Dr. Sidney J. Stern for his 26-year commitment to providing eye care and glasses to needy schoolchildren. Emmy-winning journalist Maity Interiano will be the emcee, and Miami Lighthouse musicians will be providing great music. Sponsors include ABB Optical Group, Publix Super Markets Charities, Marlins Foundation, Essilor Laboratories of America, Signet Armorlite, BB&T Bank, Genesis Consulting, GrayRobinson, H. Angela Whitman Foundation, Brickell City Centre and Susan Conroy Design.

Our Heiken Children's Vision Program provides free comprehensive eye examinations and glasses when prescribed to low-income schoolchildren. Since the program's inception in 1992, nearly 111,000 children have received exams, with 80% provided prescription glasses at no cost.

The event is open to the public, and tickets are \$75. For more information contact Cameron Sisser at 786-362-7515.

## Baseball goes to bat for our Florida Heiken Children's Program

Our Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program has been chosen by Major League Baseball and Miami Marlins as an All-Star Game Legacy Project. Legacy funding will go toward a new mobile optometric unit, replacing an outdated, 14-year-old vehicle that has been in constant need of repair. The new unit, which will be unveiled during the Miami All-Star Game in July, will allow us to expand our much needed services of free eye examinations with dilation and glasses for eligible schoolchildren. Design artwork on the new mobile unit will be made public on Wednesday, May 24th, from 6:00 to 8:30pm, at Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Brickell City Centre, a fundraiser for the Heiken Program.



2017 Miami All-Star Game logo

## "Topping Off" ceremony for Lighthouse Learning Center was the tops!

The date was Friday, April 7th, as guests gathered on the first floor of the new building that will soon house our innovative and inclusive Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ to celebrate the construction tradition marking the topping off of a new structure. At the event, CEO Virginia Jacko announced that the building will be finished on schedule in time for the first day of school on Monday, August 21st.



Left to right: The Children's Trust President & CEO James R. Haj, Miami Lighthouse President & CEO Virginia A. Jacko, and Munilla Construction Management President Jorge Munilla

Munilla Construction Management, LLC, hosted the celebration. Attendees included representatives of the architectural firm Wolfberg Alvarez & Partners, county and city government officials, members of the Miami Lions Club, Miami Lighthouse Board Directors, and public and private supporters who responded to a challenge grant from a local philanthropist that made construction of the building possible.

The Miami Lighthouse Band provided great music. An exciting raffle was held for the trade contractors, who were the honorees of the topping ceremony, with raffle prizes donated by MCM Munilla Construction, building contractors, including Michael "Mike" Mejia, President and Owner of Division III, and others.

The Lighthouse Learning Center will provide the Miami-Dade community with a first-of-its-kind inclusive Pre-Kindergarten program for both blind and sighted three-and four-year old students. The innovative program was launched in our main building in the fall of this year, and has been attended by fifteen youngsters. The new space has the potential to expand to 100 students.



Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho and Miami Lighthouse President & CEO Virginia A. Jacko

## COMPONENT Launch to Benefit Miami Lighthouse

Join COMPONENT for a fundraiser to benefit Miami Lighthouse on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at WEWORK, Brickell City Center (3rd Floor, 78 SW 7th Street, Miami, FL 33130)!

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