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## What's Blooming at Miami Lighthouse this Spring?

Spring is in the air at Miami Lighthouse as we continue to grow our reach. Our clients continue to inspire the community and embody our tagline, "It's Possible to See Without Sight™." Transition student, Silvio P., recently performed "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and played ukulele in front of an audience of 700 attendees at Veritage Miami's annual fundraiser.



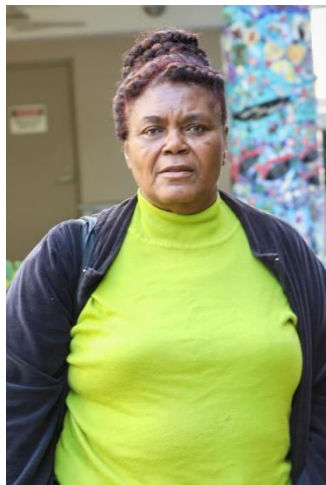
*Silvio P. Performing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"*

When twenty members of our Miami Lighthouse United Voices Choir performed recently at the Boca Boating & Beach Bash, in Boca Raton, their incredible gospel singing filled the hall with spontaneous applause. This is a relatively new group that is already making a name for itself in the community. When Miami Lighthouse students are invited to perform anywhere, they make a tremendous impact and leave a mark, especially on sighted attendees.



*Miami Lighthouse United Voices Choir members*

Lorraine C., one of our Senior Group Activities clients, has been preparing to earn her GED through our adult education program, something she has always dreamed of achieving. Lorraine has already passed three of the exam program's four sections. We are planning a major celebration for her upon completion.



*Social group activities  
program client, Lorraine C.*

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## 90th Anniversary Preview sponsored by Northern Trust

Miami Lighthouse hosted its 90th Anniversary Preview event sponsored by Northern Trust on March 9th. The event celebrated the members of our President's Club Donors for their significant contributions and decades of service to the blind in Florida. Founded in 1931 as the Florida Association of Workers for the Blind, Miami Lighthouse's legacy has grown to annually transforming the lives of over 75,000 blind and visually impaired people, from babies to seniors, as well as their families.

Please click on the [SocialMiami.com](https://socialmiami.com) link below to view photos from the event:

[Miami Lighthouse for the Blind Honors Elite President's Club Donors](#)

**Save the Date:** Our 90th Anniversary Gala will take place on January 25th, 2020, at the historic Biltmore Hotel.

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## Don't Miss "Music Under the Stars" on May 15th

Looking for an evening of great music and fine cuisine? Register to attend our annual Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Miami. You'll savor delicious cocktails with a backdrop of classical and Latin guitar music, all while advancing services for underprivileged school aged children who need a comprehensive eye exam and prescription glasses. You won't want to miss our Miami Lighthouse Band featuring live music!

Music Under the Stars will take place on our Miami Lighthouse campus and tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite by clicking this link: [Music Under The Stars Tickets](#).





# Music Under the Stars

*Bon Appétit Miami*

Wednesday, May 15, 2019  
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



at Miami Lighthouse  
Mary M. and Sash A. Spencer Campus  
601 SW 8th Avenue • Miami, Florida 33130



### Recognizing

Florida State Senator Anitere Flores  
for her efforts in Tallahassee on behalf of our Heiken Program

### South Florida Optometrist Dr. Scott Gartner

for his expertise in giving seniors the gift of independence  
from our Low Vision Solution Center and children  
the gift of sight through our Heiken Program

### Emcee

Olga Villaverde, TV Host / *The Balancing Act* and *The Health Channel*



### Featuring

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind award-winning musicians

Complimentary Valet Parking in our Adjacent Garage  
Entrance on SW 8th Avenue, just north of SW 7th Street



### Enjoy...

Wine, Beer, Liquor and Food Tastings by Miami Restaurants  
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### We Express Our Gratitude to Florida's Optometric Community

In 1991 local optometrists created The Dade Optometric Visual Enhancement Foundation, Inc. to address their concerns about the number of children failing school vision screenings but not receiving follow-up eye care because of financial need. The Foundation was renamed the Dr. Bruce Heiken Memorial Fund in 1992 as a tribute to Dr. Bruce Heiken. Now a division of Miami Lighthouse called the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program, since inception this blindness prevention program has provided comprehensive eye examinations and glasses when prescribed at no cost to over 142,000 low-income schoolchildren who had no other source for vision care.

### We Express Appreciation to Our Annual Supporters



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*Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Miami Invitation*

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