



Miami Lighthouse Hosts *Music Under the Stars* Event Celebrating 32 Years of 'Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program' with Performances by Award-Winning Blind Musicians

WHAT: Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired (MLB) is celebrating the 32nd anniversary of their 'Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program' during their 17th annual **Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Miami** event on Wednesday, May 8. As a division of Miami Lighthouse, the program provides comprehensive eye exams and prescription glasses at no cost to underprivileged school children throughout the State of Florida. These exams help detect underlying medical conditions such as amblyopia, torn retina, glaucoma, and others that if left untreated, could cause uncorrectable vision loss for children.

This year's event honors Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), for his leadership and partnership with Miami Lighthouse. Each year M-DCPS schoolchildren who fail their school vision screening are referred to MLB's Heiken Program to receive its services at no cost. Additionally, MLB will recognize their Florida State Government Champions including Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, Senator Bryan Avila, Representative Demi Busatta Cabrera and Representative David Borrero, and a Special Memorial Tribute to Dr. Murray Heiken.

Event attendees will be treated to the sensational sounds of MLB's very own award-winning Miami Lighthouse Band with special guest performances by Miami Lighthouse Board Director Rodrick Miller, CEO The Beacon Council and Norby Rudel, President Rotary Club of Miami. The evening's festivities will be emceed by Olga Villaverde, TV Host of The Health Channel and The Balancing Act.

For more information about **Music Under the Stars: Bon Appétit Miami** and to purchase tickets, please visit www.MiamiLighthouse.org.

WHO:

- Virginia Jacko, President and CEO from Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools

WHEN: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 from 6 pm - 9 pm

WHERE: Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Mary M. and Sash A. Spencer Campus 601 SW 8th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33130 (complimentary valet parking is available)