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July 7, 2009

Ms. Virginia Jacko, President and CEO  
The Miami Lighthouse for the Blind  
601 SW Eighth Avenue  
Miami, FL 33130

Re: The Re-accreditation of the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind

Dear Ms. Jacko:

It is a great pleasure to inform you that the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind has successfully met the national standards of performance required for membership in the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving People with Blindness or Visual Impairment (NAC). The Miami Lighthouse is hereby granted a five-year accreditation status for all programs and services identified in the on-site review report (OSPR). The tenure of this accreditation extends through June 30, 2014.

This important achievement is an indication of your agency's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for people with vision loss.

We appreciate the work that you, your board and your staff have performed diligently completing the comprehensive Self-Assessment document and for making all the arrangements for the on-site review team during last May's visit.

The Miami Lighthouse is to be commended for achieving a "4 Star Charity Navigator" ranking for the past two years, adopting a strategic plan toward becoming a "center of excellence" and assuming a leadership role in training and research aimed at reducing the shortage of professionals in the low vision rehabilitation field. The Lighthouse is to be further commended for its Heiken Children's Vision Program, for two optometric mobile units and for its state of the art music production studio.

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The Miami Lighthouse is urged to implement the new management information system, continue the efforts to expand its services, and seek funding to install hurricane safe windows where needed.

The NAC Board of Directors requires that during the tenure of your accreditation, progress toward achieving the objectives in your action plan be regularly communicated to NAC. Through the annual report process, basic information and data should be updated, and substantive changes are to be reported in regard to the mission and goals, scope of service, the agency's investment policies clearly defined and significant major matters or events reported, such as catastrophes, legal matters with serious implications or unexpected happenings be communicated to the NAC office.

The Certificate of Accreditation, stamped with the NAC corporate seal and suitable for framing, along with bound hard copy of your 2009 OSPR report is enclosed. The OSPR Report and your annual progress reports are intended to support the continuation of your organization's effective and efficient service delivery. NAC is eager to assist with any questions or concerns you might have regarding your accreditation.

We hope that the individuals you serve, the governing body, your staff and the volunteers of The Miami Lighthouse take pride and comfort in displaying the certificate representing your compliance with the NAC standards of performance.

Again, we extend our congratulations and wish you the best as we all move forward with efforts to improve the quality of services and programs.

Sincerely,  
*Steven K. Hegedeos*  
Steven K. Hegedeos  
Executive Director

Enclosures (2)  
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*CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION*

*Miami Lighthouse for the Blind  
and Visually Impaired, Inc.*

*Miami, Florida  
is Accredited by  
The National Accreditation  
Council for Agencies Serving  
People with Blindness or Visual  
Impairment*

*The tenure extends until June 30, 2014*

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*PRESIDENT: R. Tracy Williams, OD*

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*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Steven K. Hegedeos*

*June 17, 2009*  
*DATE*

