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Philanthropist Gives One Million Dollar Challenge in Memory of Sash A. Spencer at Miami Lighthouse Luncheon



Mayor Carlos Alvarez, Virginia Jacko, Bill Roy, Arthur Hertz and State Representative Luis Garcia

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired accepted the first \$250,000 installment of the "One Million Dollar Challenge in Memory of Sash A. Spencer", an incentive matching gift from philanthropist Mary M. Spencer at the elegant 4th Annual "Share the Vision" fundraising luncheon November 12 at La Gorce Country Club. "Miami Lighthouse is so grateful to Mary for her generous gift, which will transform many lives," said Miami Lighthouse CEO Virginia Jacko.

Over 250 of South Florida's most generous philanthropists and community leaders attended this extraordinary luncheon, generously underwritten by Bessemer Trust, which raised \$350,000 for programs and services offered to blind and visually impaired children and adults. Guests enjoyed great wine from The River Wines and beautiful table centerpieces designed by Epicure Events which incorporated hand-made ceramic pieces created by Miami Lighthouse blind and visually impaired children and adults.

There wasn't a dry eye in the room when Natalia Sulca, 16 year old current client in the Miami Lighthouse Transition and Music Inclusion Program kicked off the luncheon with a heart wrenching musical debut; and when Helen Mopsick, mother of Colton Mopsick, current client in the Miami Lighthouse Blind Babies Program, spoke of how Miami Lighthouse gave her the skills and frame of mind to enjoy the beauty of her special child.

Miami Lighthouse Board Director Alan P. Levitt, O.D., challenged attendees to imagine what vision impairment is like, and also praised Mrs. Spencer's generosity as an example of true philanthropy and pointing out the power of a matching gift. "Wouldn't it be wonderful," he said, "if all of our philanthropic investments had a 100 percent return, as this one in Miami Lighthouse has?"

To learn more about Miami Lighthouse, please call Dena Willman at 305-856-2288 or visit our website at www.miamilighthouse.org.



Gloria Martin, Louis Nostro and Mary M. Spencer



Penny Stamps, Carmella Witt and Virginia Jacko



Virginia Jacko and Kirk Landon



Margarita Tonkinson, Carol Russo, Barbara Weintraub, Sally Byrd and Richard Tonkinson



Gloria Martin, Virginia Jacko, Nancy Jean Davis, Martha Hobbs and Eugenia McCrea



Owen Freed, Bill Roy and Dr. Alan Levitt



Rev. Dr. Priscilla Whitehead, Commissioner Sally Heyman and Susan Kelley



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Carmen Bishopric, Ellery Brown, Karl Bishopric, Caron Cole



Owen Freed, Sheila Freed, Virginia Jacko, Nedra Kalish and Judi Matus



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David M. Turner, Virginia Jacko, Malcom B. Wiseheart, Shelley B. Rutherford



Natalia Sulca, Helen Mopsick and Colton Mopsick



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