



MEDIA ALERT

MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE VISUALLY IMPAIRED TEENS TAKING THE FIELD AT LOANDEPOT PARK ON AUGUST 9

WHAT: Teens of Miami Lighthouse for the Blind's Pre-Employment Transition Program to enjoy intensive baseball experience.

WHEN: Monday, August 9, 2021
9:30 a.m.

WHERE: loanDepot park
501 Marlins Way
Miami, Florida 33125

DETAILS: Blind and visually impaired participants of the Miami Lighthouse's Pre-Employment Transition Program for teenagers will enjoy an exciting day at the ballpark, courtesy of the Miami Marlins Foundation. Their visit will begin with a beep baseball game on the field followed by a touch tour of loanDepot park led by the Miami Marlins staff.

Beep baseball is a form of baseball which can be played by people who are visually impaired, using a ball that emits a beeping sound. Miami Lighthouse's Transition Program students will be taught to hit the ball, using their sense of hearing and reflexes.

"The competitive and playful nature of Beep Ball brings to life our Miami Lighthouse for the Blind slogan that 'It's Possible to See Without Sight™'", said Virginia A. Jacko President and CEO of Miami Lighthouse.

Providing individuals 14-22 the opportunity to develop skills to enter the work force or post-secondary education, our Pre-Employment Transition Program teaches students home and personal management, assistive technology, job readiness, orientation and mobility, social skills, and community integration. Former Miami Lighthouse Transition Program student, Eduardo Limonta, is now a Game Day Staff Member of the Miami Marlins. Additionally, Javier Carillo, Manager of the Marlins Grounds Crew, has a son who is entering our Pre-School Program in our Miami Lighthouse Academy. They both will be onsite for interviews.

For more information about the Transition Program and its visit to loanDepot park, contact Cameron Sisser of the Miami Lighthouse at 786-362-7515 or csisser@miamilighthouse.org.