



**MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE AWARDED \$100,000 GRANT FROM
THE JORGE M. PÉREZ FAMILY FOUNDATION**

*Foundation's \$1.6 Million Initiative Benefits Organizations Across the Arts, Education, Racial Equity,
and Economic Development Sectors in South Florida*

MIAMI, FL, January 29, 2021 -- Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired announced today that it has received a generous two year award totaling \$100,000 from The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation, as a part of the program's latest round of grants totaling \$1.6 million. Set to be released through 2021, the multi-year initiative will support a total of 15 South Florida-based nonprofits, including both new and existing grantees. The funds will directly benefit Miami Lighthouse's mission.

"Despite being among the hardest hit groups, local nonprofits have stepped up through every stage of this devastating crisis," said Jorge M. Pérez, founder of the Pérez Family Foundation and nationally recognized philanthropist. "These organizations are truly the backbone of our region and ensuring they have the vital support they need is our utmost priority. We look forward to working with each of these teams to help our community recover and thrive."

"We are grateful and proud to receive this very generous gift from The Perez Family Foundation," said Miami Lighthouse President and CEO Virginia Jacko. "The grant will support educational excellence at the Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children, expanding opportunities for sighted and visually impaired pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students, and adding classes for first-and second graders."

The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation's latest contributions follow a \$500,000 grant distributed in early 2020 to support organizations in the early days of COVID-19.

Miami Lighthouse annually transforms the lives of 90,000 blind and visually impaired people, babies to seniors, and their families. The impact of the services and programs is statewide, national, and international. Miami Lighthouse and its Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™ are located at 601 Southwest Eighth Avenue in Miami. For more information about Miami Lighthouse, please visit MiamiLighthouse.org and more information on The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation, its mission and previous donations, can be found at jmperezfamilyfoundation.org.

About Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Founded in 1930, Miami Lighthouse is the oldest and largest private agency in Florida assisting persons of all ages who are blind and visually impaired with a focus on diversity, inclusion and learning/health equity.

About The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation:

The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation fulfills the philanthropic vision of Jorge M. Pérez, chairman and CEO of The Related Group, and his family to develop South Florida as

an exemplary world-class urban center. The family foundation promotes sustainable, inclusive and just communities by supporting programs and organizations focused on arts and culture, health and well-being, education, environment and economic development – with a particular preference for programs and organizations that could serve as models for other urban centers. For more information, please visit www.jmperezfamilyfoundation.org.

About The Miami Foundation:

The Miami Foundation partners with donors to champion their causes and improve local quality of life. Since 1967, the Foundation has done this by taking leadership on civic issues, investing in the community and nurturing philanthropy. Thanks to our more than 1,000 donors, The Miami Foundation currently manages close to \$350 million in assets and have made \$350 million in grants that create opportunities for residents, make Miami-Dade County more resilient and foster home-grown creativity.