



## Envisioning Progress through Future Professionals

Since 1931, the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has striven to improve the lives of people with visual impairments and blindness in the South Florida area. We have done this with the support of professionals, volunteers and the community all working together to assist the present generation and pave the way for the future. Miami Lighthouse for the Blind's orientation and mobility program brings new professionals into the field and prepares them for the future. We help new orientation and mobility professionals improve their skills and move beyond the university setting to real life situations while they observe and receive guidance from certified mobility instructors.

The mobility department at Miami Lighthouse offers a well-rounded internship for young professionals. Our location in the downtown Miami area allows access to the metro system which has accessible buses and trains. For pedestrian travel, we train in all areas: rural, residential and heavy business so there is no limit to the skills that can be taught. If someone is unsure of the age group that they wish to work with in the future, there are many different opportunities at our facility. We are proud to serve all ages in the South Florida area from babies to seniors. During the week we have adult clients and on the weekends school-age students. Each client receives mobility training that is personalized to their specific needs ensure they reach their goals. This means we travel to homes, businesses, schools and universities to assist clients with achieving independence.

Our program continues to grow, and we want to invest in new professionals that can continue this important work. We are now accepting applications for O&M internships for 2016, all semesters. If your university program has students interested in a well-balanced and culturally diverse internship, please have them send a cover letter and resume to Lauren Bowen, [lbowen@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:lbowen@miamilighthouse.org) and Carol Brady-Simmons Chief Program Officer, [csimmons@miamilighthouse.org](mailto:csimmons@miamilighthouse.org).